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Members of the men's crew team stand with the shell bearing Matthew Houlihan's name. The team dedicated the boat to "Houli" this weekend.

Crew team dedicates boat to "Houli's" memory after regatta

by Elizabeth Walzcak '05
NEWS WRITER

Hamilton's crew team dedicated a boat to Matt "Houli" Houlihan this past Sunday at a regatta in Boston. Houlihan, a member of the class of 2003, died tragically and suddenly on October 4 of last year.

Houlihan's death, which came as a horrible shock to the community, prompted a desire to do something in his memory, so the team decided to dedicate a boat to him. A new boat that had just been purchased for the women's team was their first idea. However, the team decided that it was more appropriate for the dedicated boat to be used by the men's team. After receiving many donations, which were matched by the college, the team had enough money to purchase a boat. The boat, with "Matthew W. Houlihan '03 'Houli,'" on the side, is black, a tribute to Houlihan, according to Reid Anderson '02, co-captain of the team. "He [Houlihan] always wanted a black boat. He used to tell our coach, 'Get a black one. They're so bad-ass!'"

Anderson was very close to Houlihan: "He was stroke seat and I was coxswain. He sat in front of me every day. He was a great kid."

The crew team dedicated the black boat to Houlihan after their race at the head of the Charles. More than 50 people attended the ceremony, some from as far away as Atlanta. They included Houlihan's family and friends, current students, alumni, and President Tobin. "It [the ceremony] was more of a celebration than anything else. There were tears, but there was also joy," said Anderson.

The dedication ceremony consisted of speeches by President Tobin, coach Michael Gilbert, Mrs. Houlihan, and Anderson, as well as the "christening" of the boat, in which the captains of the team poured campagne over the bow of the boat.

Houlihan's high school football coach also attended the ceremony with his son, who was born three months after Matt's death and named after him. The coach participated in the christening as well, said rower Steve Larson '03, who described the scene as "very moving."

The members of the crew team wear black armbands when they row and "often find [themselves] rowing for [Matt]," said Larson. They honored him in the regatta preceding the dedication ceremony by successfully placing 37th out of 70 teams. The team is also looking forward to racing with "Houli" this Saturday in Philadelphia. Ian Lawson, Houlihan's former roommate and friend, who has been abroad in Washington D.C., will attend this weekend's regatta, which is the last of the fall season.

The dedication of the boat to Houlihan will "serve a great purpose over time," said Anderson. "The new people, or rowers, will see the boat and want to know who Matt Houlihan was. We will be able to tell them, 'Houli was not only a great rower, but a great friend.'"

Panel addresses US Policy at Home and Abroad after Sept. 11

by Christopher R. Fogelstrom '03
A&E EDITOR

A faculty panel assembled during Parent's Weekend to discuss issues surrounding the events of September 11 was received well by both parents and students. The panel, which was moderated by Professor of Government Stephen Orvis and organized by Director of Alumni Programs Jennifer Potter Hayes, consisted of Instructor of Government Yael Aronoff, Associate Professor of Government Philip Klinkner, Assistant Professor of Sociology Kris Paap, and Associate Professor of Religious Studies Richard Seager.

The panel succeeded in creating an open forum for the parents, students, and faculty involved to discuss their concerns and views. According to Seager, the discussion created an opportunity for interaction with parents over a common concern. "I always look forward to discussion with parents because we share a common interest in students," said Seager. Among other things he spoke about the incorporation of Islam in the rhetoric of American civil religion by President Bush and about whether or not this trend will continue. He went on to stress that an advance in Islam has long been ignored in public discourse in the U.S.

Paap spoke about fundamental attribution error, a concept that her American Society class is currently discussing. "Oftentimes, we attribute acts to disposition and not situation," Paap said. "This is called a fundamental attribution error in sociology. We need to watch the way in which we talk and think about these events."

The panel's purpose was informational and it gave parents and students an opportunity to explore different ways of thinking about the issues, said Orvis.

This panel is not the first one concerning the September 11 issues on which Orvis has served. A panel of five Hamilton faculty members addressed students in the Chapel two days following the events of September 11. The panel on September 13, which also included Aronoff, was held in the interest of combating anti-Arab and anti-Muslim sentiment in the United States.

The discussion panel for Parent's Weekend is yet another indication of the continuing need from dialogue about the events of September 11. As demonstrated by the standing-room-only crowd, students as well as parents in attendance found the discussion to be relevant. Christopher Takacs '05, a student who attended this weekend's panel, noted the importance of panel discussions of this type. "The panel led a broad-based and insightful talk about aspects of September 11 that I had never examined before," said Takacs.

New advising system aims at promoting discussion, quelling student dissatisfaction

by Sarah Karalunas '04
NEWS EDITOR

With the abolition of distribution requirements for the class of 2005, faculty and administrators have been struggling with how to change the advising system to fit the new curriculum and to increase overall student satisfaction.

Instead of stating specific requirements that students have to fulfill, the new curriculum centers on a set of nine goals. To meet each goal, students have to "develop an understanding, ability, or perspective" in a particular area. These broader goals, said Tim Elgren, associate dean of faculty and associate professor of chemistry, encourage discussion between students and their faculty advisors.

"The worst kind of advising was when students knew exactly what they wanted to do. The new system removes the 'path of least resistance' where you can just come in, get your card signed, and leave," said Elgren.

A study funded by the Melon Foundation and coordinated by Sidney Wertimer Professor of Sociology Daniel Chambliss found that students at Hamilton, as well as at many of its peer institutions, were dissatisfied with the advising they received in their first two years. "The advising within the major was great, but in the first two years, some people went through five or six advisors," said Elgren.

Switching advisors so often prevented students from developing close connections to their advisors. In order to reduce the number of switches, said Elgren, the college tried this year to make better initial pairings. Over the summer students could indicate two disciplines from which they were interested in having an advisor. Most students were paired with someone from one of these two disciplines. When this was not possible, students were given an advisor in the general area. For example, if a student couldn't be paired with an advisor from the government department, the student would have one from within the social sciences, explained Elgren.

The new system appears to be working. This year, only 22 students have asked to switch advisors. "Usually, we're doing advisor switches through October and November," said Elgren.

The Melon Foundation study found three specific areas of student dissatisfaction. The first area related to the bureaucratic aspects of registration. "Their sense of advising was tied into the bitterness at having to wait in line for hours at a time," said Elgren.

In order to combat this, a focus group of students will be testing web-based registration for their Spring 2002 classes. Elgren says that the college intends to have web-based registration available to all student by the time they're registering for their Fall 2002 classes.

The second problem many students had with the advising system had to do with academic

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Argentinian economics crisis could cause problems for all developing nations

by Mithat Yaltir '03
NEWS WRITER

Argentinian officials announced that changes would be made to a policy aimed at ending a 40-month-long economic recession. In an attempt to appease foreign investors, the government is cutting spending worth $600 million. Officials are also working on a balanced budget, so that the economy will not add more to the outstanding $132 billion public debt.

Balancing the government budget will also help the Argentinian economy by reducing the interest rates. The government is said to run a budget deficit if it spends more than its revenue, in which case it has to borrow money. As a result, the demand for loans increases. In order to convince people to spend less and save more, banks have to offer higher interest rates. Therefore, the borrowers will face higher repayment rates.

On the other hand, if the government, runs a balanced budget (spending equals revenue), then it will not need loans. Therefore, demand for loans will fall. As a result, banks will be able offer lower interest rates. Low interest rates are crucial for economies in a recession because they give incentives to the firms to undertake more investment projects for two reasons. First, low interest rates mean low repayment rates and second, rate of return from having a bank account will be lower making the rates of return from investments more attractive.

Foreign investors affect the supply of loans by opening accounts at Argentinian banks. To open these accounts, however, they have to convert their currency to pesos and this process make investors wealth vulnerable to devaluation. Should the Argentinian government decrease the value of pesos, the investor will be unable to buy the original amount of dollars with the same amount of pesos. In his book, *The Lexus and the Olive Tree*, Thomas L. Friedman describes these investors as birds ready to fly away the moment they sense any threat. If foreign investors decrease the amount of loans by a huge chunk, they force the banks to offer outrageous interest rates to meet the cash requests from their customers. Meanwhile many firms will go out of business because they are unable to pay back their loans with these new interest rates.

PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER LAROSA '03

Train tracks intersect with route 226 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The country's struggling economy has prompted government action.

To prevent such results, the Argentinian government adopted a policy in 1991 that makes sure that one peso can always be converted to one US dollar. The government hoped to assure the foreign investors that their investments were not vulnerable to devaluation. Joseph Stiglitz, a Columbia University professor and recent winner of the Nobel Prize in economics, is skeptical about the so-called convertibility program. "The strong dollar implies a strong peso. Because of that, Argentina cannot export to Brazil or Europe," he said.

The Argentinian crisis is critical for other developing nations as well. Foreign investors usually diversify their risk by investing in a variety of economies. They, on the other hand, tend to pull out all of their investments when a problem emerges in only one country. Going back to Friedman's metaphor, when the birds sense threat, they not only fly away, but also warn their friends to do the same. All in all, a developing nation with a relatively stable economy is also vulnerable to failure far away.

UN Charter offers several alternatives to military action

by Christopher Takacs '05
ASSOCIATE FEATURES EDITOR

The argument over whether America should continue its war in Afghanistan, or whether a peaceful alternative should be taken to the current militaristic action has raised numerous questions. Many people have been left wondering what alternatives to military action, if any, exist.

One alternative put forward has been full-fledged humanitarian aid. The reasoning behind this is that the Taliban government, who largely maintain power by instilling fear of the outside world in the Afghan people, would loose civilian support. If the US and other countries sent enough aid, it is possible that much of the population would turn against their government. The aid would have to be far more extensive than that sent now, which can only provide for a small part of the population for an extremely short duration.

Another alternative to war that has been put forward on numerous occasions is that the US should proceed through United Nations channels. According to UN charter Article 2(4) and Article 51, a country is not allowed to use military force for purposes of retaliation, vengeance, and punishment unless a future attack on the on that country is imminent. If the US were to take the issue to the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), they would examine the evidence provided and, almost certainly, allow for military measures to take place to effectuate the capture of suspects. It would be harder to convince the UNSC to approve action against the Taliban government and the current bombing of Afghanistan because the United States would have to provide convincing evidence that the risk of a future attack from the same people is high.

Article 51 also stipulates that the UNSC has the authority and responsibility at all times "to take any actions as it deems necessary in order to restore international peace and security." The UNSC can hold a war tribunal to try accused parties when they are arrested. More immediately, they can effectuate arrests, prevent attacks or counter aggression, employing measures such as interrupting economic relations, rail, sea, air, postal, telegraphic, and radio communications, as well as severance of diplomatic relations.

If the US were to proceed through United Nations channels, they would immediately convene a meeting of the Security council, request an international tribunal with the powers of extradition and arrest, and establish a international military force under control of the UN to effectuate the arrests.

The United States could also try those arrested for aiding and abetting the terrorists involved in the September 11 attacks for domestic crimes, such as murder and hijacking. Their crimes could also fall under the category of crimes against humanity, prompting a trial of those involved by the International Criminal Court.

New trash compactor reduces volume of waste

Physical plant hopes to see reduction in waste disposal costs as well

by Christopher LaRosa '03
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Physical Plant recently installed a new trash compactor in an effort to reduce the volume of waste and lower dumpster emptying fees.

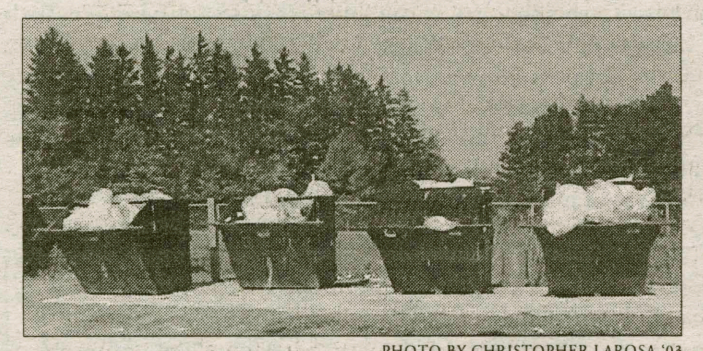
In the past, Physical Plant emptied, referred to as tipped, about 90 dumpsters a month. Last month the college tipped 200 dumpsters.

"[The increase] was wreaking havoc on our budgets," said Hawkridge. He attributed the increase in tipped dumpsters to less densely packed garbage with too much air in bags. The new trash compactor will help push the excess air from the bags, so that the trash takes up less space.

The Onieda-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority charges the college $9.50 for each dumpster emptied, as well as a tonnage fee. The compactor costs the college $250 a month to rent and $125 per tip and replaces several regular dumpsters that the college had been using.

"We're at the breaking even point," said Assistant Director or Physical Plant Terry Hawkridge of the cost-benefit of installing the compactor. "We were hoping [to empty] every nine days. Right now it's more like every four or five."

In order to increase the capacity, so that they can empty the compactor less frequently, Physical Plant has to adjust the ram arm on the compacter.



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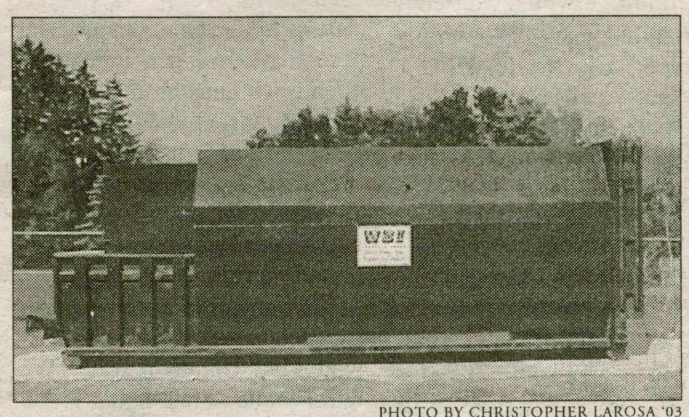
Previously, Physical Plant stored trash in a number of seperate dumpsters on campus.



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The new trash compactor (above) allows Physical Plant to consolidate waste. It also helps keep the dumps site cleaner.

Even though Physical Plant has yet to reap any monetary benefit from the compactor, Hawkridge is pleased with the replacement of traditional dumpsters with the compactor.

"It's a closed system. No raccoons, no dogs, no rats. The recycling yard will be immensely cleaner and varmint free," said Hawkridge.

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THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

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International students fear visa crackdown

(U-WIRE) DEKALB, Ill. — International students planning to enroll in U.S. colleges and universities could find the process more difficult than they previously had anticipated.

Senator Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., had planned to propose a bill that would close campuses to prospective foreign students while a six-month moratorium on student visas was enforced. Feinstein since has agreed to back off the legislation if the INS and the higher-education industry find a suitable way to track foreign students.

Rohit Ketarpal, a Northern Illinois University graduate student and member of the Indian Student Association, responded to the idea of creating restrictions over student visas.

"It's bad in a lot of ways, but it's good in some ways," he said.

Mark Thackaberry, director of the International Student and Faculty Office at NIU since 1972, said a moratorium on student visas would not only send a bad message to foreign students wishing to come to school here, but it also will take away the billions of dollars foreign students spend in this country each year.

The Office of Immigration and Naturalization Service has worked on a database system to track the nearly 600,000 foreign students attending U.S. colleges and universities, but it has not yet been completed. Because at least two of the terrorists involved in the Sept. 11 attacks had student visas, the INS chose to act sooner and deliver the tracking system about a year from now. The project originally was slated to be completed in December 2003.

Dating abuse most common form of student violence

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON — Dating abuse is the most common form of violence on campus today, according to the Feminist Majority Foundation, a group focusing on domestic violence awareness during the month of October.

One in three women are victims of dating abuse, not including cases of sexual abuse according to the foundation. On Oct. 17, the group held a forum at George Washington University to open a dialogue about what they consider to be a vast number of college students who are in abusive relationships.

"Dating abuse is silent," said Rus Funk, a member of a panel that included representatives from the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Men for Gender Justice, and Amnesty International.

He said the reality is that most students are unaware when a relationship becomes abusive. He said the people most likely to know that a relationship is abusive are friends of the abuser. Often abusers brag about their actions.

"Friends don't let friends batter the women they love," Funk said. He added that psychological abuse is just as damaging as physical harm.

Oklahoma-Nebraska: a matchup steeped in tradition

(U-WIRE) NORMAN, Okla. — The Oklahoma/Nebraska game has always had tradition. The matchup has decided more conference championships than any other in Big Eight/Big 12 history.

Heading into last year's No. 1 versus No. 2 showdown, the Sooner players knew about that tradition, but without having actually played in an important OU/Nebraska game, the team didn't fully understand it.

After falling behind 14-0, the Sooners rallied to claim a 31-14 win.

The victory added to the series' historic rivalry, as OU took over the No. 1 ranking and went on to win both the Big 12 and national championships.

Tuesday, OU head football coach Bob Stoops said that last year's experience will help this year's squad. The Sooners will play Nebraska in Lincoln at 11 a.m. Saturday.

WORLD NEWS

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UN: bomb hit Afghan military hospital

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — The United Nations confirmed Tuesday that a U.S. bomb struck a military hospital in the western Afghan city of Herat but said it had no information regarding casualties.

However, Pentagon spokeswoman Victoria Clarke said a U.S. bomb went astray near a senior citizens' home in Herat, landing in a field between the home and a military vehicle storage facility. The 1,000-pound bomb was dropped Sunday by an F/A-18.

Clarke said she did not know if the building she called a senior citizens' center was the same as the hospital involved in the report from the United Nations.

Afghanistan's Taliban rulers have said a U.S. and British airstrike Monday hit a hospital, killing more than 100 patients and medical workers. They did not say whether it was a civilian or military hospital.

U.N. spokeswoman Stephanie Bunker, citing independent U.N. sources within Afghanistan, said Tuesday that a bomb hit a military hospital within a military compound on Harat's eastern edge.

U.N. officials did not know whether the hospital was being used at the time, or whether any civilians or military personnel may have been hurt, Bunker said in Islamabad.

Russian navy removes crew remains

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian navy forensic experts began removing the remains of crewmen from the wreck of the Kursk nuclear submarine Thursday, and authorities said the bodies found so far could be identified by sight after 14 months in their frigid underwater tomb.

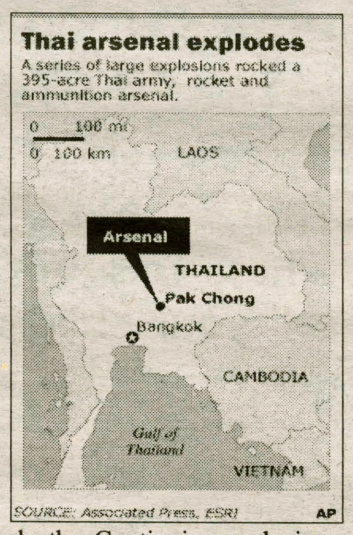
The specialists removed three bodies from the rear of the submarine and saw others, said Prosecutor General Vladimir Ustinov, who is leading the team inspecting the hulking wreck in a dry dock in Roslyakovo, near the Arctic port of Murmansk. He said the bodies found so far were in better condition than anticipated and could be identified visually.

"We believed the bodies would be badly disfigured after more than a year under water," the ITAR-Tass news agency quoted Ustinov as saying.

Russian officials say most of the Kursk's 118 sailors were killed quickly by powerful explosions that sank the submarine during naval exercises in August 2000. But at least 23 survived for hours in the stern compartments, according to letters found by divers who recovered 12 bodies from the sunken vessel a year ago.

12 Feared dead in Thai arsenal blast

PAK CHONG, Thailand (AP) — Large explosions rocked a Thai army arsenal stocked with rockets and ammunition Thursday, leaving 12 people missing and feared dead, dozens injured and forcing the evacuation of a nearby town.



The blasts began when volatile outdated artillery shells and other munitions detonated as they were being transported from a warehouse to another spot for disposal, Army Commander Gen. Surayud Chulanont told a news conference.

He said seven soldiers and five security guards at the site were missing, but he could not confirm their deaths. Continuing explosions at the scene made it too dangerous to approach the site, he said.

Earlier, Interior Minister Purachai Piemsomboon said he had a report that 17 people at the base were dead. The number was apparently based on observations of body parts at a distance.

The explosions continued 10 hours after the first blast at 9 a.m. at the 395-acre arsenal in Pak Chong district, about 95 miles from the capital, Bangkok.

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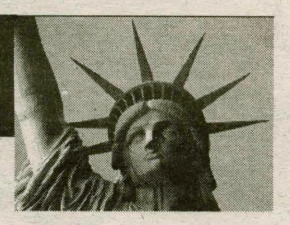

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Senate OKs anti-terror bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate sent President Bush legislation Thursday giving police new and expanded powers to track, punish and detain suspected terrorists.

AP

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle at a news conference.

The bill, sought five days after the hijacked airliner attacks in New York and Washington, was passed by the Senate on a 98-1 vote. The House passed it with overwhelming support on Wednesday and Bush is expected to sign it before the end of the week.

"I look forward to signing this strong bipartisan plan into law so that we can combat terrorism and prevent future attacks," Bush said Wednesday.

The legislation, somewhat weakened from what Attorney General John Ashcroft proposed, expands the FBI's wiretapping and electronic surveillance authority and imposes stronger penalties for harboring or financing terrorists. It also redefines what terrorist acts are and increases the punishment for them.

Ford settles ignition suit

HAYWARD, Calif. (AP) — Ford Motor Co. agreed Thursday to reimburse current and former owners for repairs on millions of cars and trucks prone to stall because of a flawed ignition system.

The deal approved by a California judge could cost the automaker as much as $2.7 billion, according to an estimate from the plaintiffs. Ford attorney Richard Warmer disputed that estimate, without offering specifics.

"This will not be something that will have a material effect on the company's financial position," Warmer said.

The settlement ends years of litigation and will pave the way for millions of current and former Ford owners nationwide to be reimbursed for repairs and related expenses, such as towing fees.

However, it does nothing to remove from the road the estimated 12 million Fords nationwide equipped with the ignition system, originally installed in 20 million vehicles. These cars and trucks remain prone to stall without warning, according to Ford's internal documents.

"I think it's as good as they could have possibly gotten, short of a recall," said Jeff Fazio, the lead attorney suing Ford.

Head of Logan airport agency to quit

BOSTON (AP) — The head of the agency that runs Logan Airport, the departure point for the two planes that crashed into the World Trade Center, is resigning, The Associated Press has learned.

"She's expected to resign today," a source close to Virginia Buckingham said on condition of anonymity. No formal announcement has been scheduled.

"I'm not going to comment," said James Borghesani, spokesman for acting Gov. Jane Swift, who was in Washington at a meeting of Republican governors.

Buckingham, 36, has been the focus of criticism since the Sept. 11 attacks, and Joseph Lawless, the agency's director of security, was reassigned to oversee security at the Port of Boston, which the Massachusetts Port Authority also runs.

Swift has appointed a special commission to recommend changes at Massport, which has long been criticized as a haven for well-paid political appointees given vaguely defined responsibilities. The commission's report is due in early December.

Buckingham recently received a show of support from Democratic lawmakers. During a legislative hearing on Tuesday, Sen. Robert Havern blamed the airlines for security lapses at Massport and told Buckingham she'd been made a scapegoat.

McEwen closes for extermination and repairs

by Christopher LaRosa '03
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In an insect extermination and cleaning effort, Bon Appetit closed McEwen dining hall. The closure allowed Physical Plant to repair water damage and exterminate drain flies beneath the dish room. McEwen was closed for service from 2:00 Friday October 12 until 4:30 Sunday, October 14.

The dishroom, located adjacent to the administrative office of Bon Appetit, suffered from moisture problems resulting from daily use. Water buildup caused leakage through the dishroom floor into the ladies bathroom, which is directly beneath the dishroom. Flies nested and proliferated in the water-damaged areas, said Assistant Director of Physical Plant Terry Hawkridge.

All food supplies and food preparation areas were covered before the application of pesticides. The dining hall was cleaned following the application, said Hawkridge. Food sanitation was not jeapordized by the infestation, said Operations Director of Bon Appetit Patrick Raynard

The outdated McEwen building construction poses a chronic problem for dealing with moisture, said Hawkridge. The pesticide treatment does not solve any long-term problems facing McEwen.

"I will be doing spot treatments mechanically, not chemically [for the rest of the semester]. That's not going to cause the dining hall to close. We chased some symptoms... You're not going to get ahead until you solve the problem," said Hawkridge.

"Over winter break we will re-grout the floors and the walls in the dishroom and make sure they are water tight," said Directory of Administrative and Contract Services Joseph Cappa.

Cappa said that the repairs will require the removal of dishwashing equipment from the room. The repairs will take four to five weeks, according to Hawkridge.

Advising system revised in light of new curriculum

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planning, explained Elgren. Many students did not feel challenged enough, especially in their first semester, and they regretted it four years later. To remedy this problem, Elgren said, the advisors, as well as the students, are being provided with more information, which will help stimulate conversations.

"The ease of the conversation has to do with familiarity," said Elgren. The new Academic Viewbook online is part of the plan to disseminate information. Students had access to this feature over the summer as part of the new online advising tour to see 500-word descriptions of the courses available to them. During the online tour, students can also pick a sophomore seminar topic that interests them and then use course descriptions to pick classes that would help them prepare for that seminar topic.

"It [the new advising system] puts a lot of responsibility on the student. Students are expected to have done their homework," said Elgren.

The final area of complaint had to do with a lack of mentoring. "Alumni get all tearyeyed when they talk about their advisors because of the active role the advisors took in their lives," said Elgren. "That was the person who would tell them, 'You're much more than you've become."

This role as an "academic advocate" is crucial because under the new curriculum and advising system, there is no way to ensure that students actually complete the goals. "There's no insurance in this system," said Elgren. "We assume students come here to be liberally educated. If you go in and sit toe-to-toe with your advisor and proclaim your ignorance, then that's who you are."

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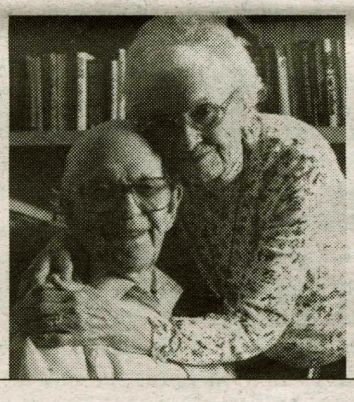

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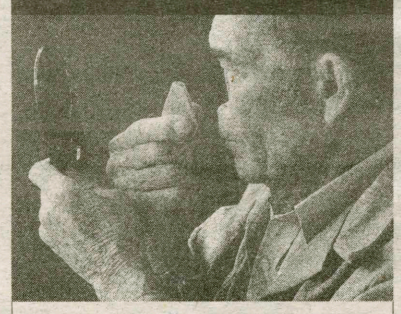

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Editorial

Each year, the senior class works together to raise money to present a gift to the College. This year, a web-based voting system presented four choices for how the money would be spent: developing a scholarship fund, placing juke boxes in the Diner, constructing a juice bar, or erecting a statue of the Continental mascot. A few weeks ago, the news of the most popular choice trickled into the ears of the seniors, and soon thereafter a letter sent to all seniors formally announced the selection of the statue. The letter, written by the Gift Committee co-chairs, stated, "Besides hopefully increasing campus spirit and enthusiasm for our athletic teams, [it] will also serve as a memorial, dedicated from our class to the Hamilton family... who were impacted by the Sept. 11th tragedy." The letter implied that the decision had been made to make the statue a memorial; however, seniors did not have the chance to vote on this aspect of the gift. The editorial staff of *The Spectator* believes that seniors should have the opportunity to vote on whether a statue of an athletic mascot can be appropriately combined with a memorial statement of remembrance and American resolve, and also whether the combination should be attempted in the first place.

There are parallels between the benefits of solidarity in a sports team and the solidarity of a country at war. Yet far greater attention must be paid to the fact that a triumph on the athletic field is in no way equal in scale to a triumph on the battlefield. Furthermore, the spontaneity of the proposal suggests that it is one of convenience rather than thorough consideration.

The letter states that details of the statue have not yet been finalized and encourages seniors to share their opinions and suggestions about the figure, the location of its placement, and most importantly, the inscription that is to accompany it. Although seniors have not yet been given the opportunity to vote on the memorial aspect of the statue, *The Spectator* hopes this opportunity will become available. Perhaps suggestions for how to blend these seemingly disparate themes can resolve the awkwardness of the suggested combination.

If the majority of seniors express discomfort with the proposal, two separate monuments should then be erected; the original senior statue embodying school spirit and sportsmanship, and a separate September 11th memorial, which would more appropriately be financially and aesthetically supported by the entire school. The entire school was shaken by the attacks, and thus the entire school should be allowed to participate in the building of a memorial.

It is imperative that the senior class thoughtfully consider the current proposal, insist upon a democratic decision-making process, and recognize the right of the entire school community to be part of the decision-making process in regard to a September 11th memorial. It is the responsibility of the class of 2002, whatever choice is made, to recognize that they constitute only one-fourth of the student body (and even less of the entire campus), and thus should share decision-making with the entire community when regarding a memorial of such widespread significance.

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Insights & Ideas

The War on Dissent

"How could you print that?" asked a friend of mine last Saturday night. We were talking about Maurice I. Michaane's opinion piece, "Give War a Chance," that ran in the October 19 issue of *The Spectator*. The question surprised me, as it had never occurred to me not to run Mo's piece. As editor of Insights and Ideas, I am tempted to leave out any articles that do not fit into my own view of the world. I

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INSIGHTS & IDEAS EDITOR

could use the section as a soapbox for myself and for my liberal friends, leaving out all other viewpoints. This would be bad editorship, not to mention incredibly unfair on a conservative campus such as Hamilton. Therefore, the section is open to different points of view, no matter what you or I may think of them. It is a forum for the Hamilton community's ideas–the whole Hamilton community's ideas.

The section is called Insights and Ideas, not Right and Wrong. If you want facts about current events, you will find them in the News section. This section contains the ideas of the writers, with facts and statistics used selectively to support those ideas and perhaps–with skillful writing and strong arguments–to persuade you to the writer's point of view. Articles are intended to encourage debate, not to dictate what people should believe. The ability to hold and express beliefs without fear of censorship or retribution is one of the most important principles of this country. If one writer is permitted to write about why we must attack Afghanistan, then why should another writer not be allowed to write about how he believes it is morally wrong to do so? By suppressing certain points of view, we prevent the free exchange of ideas.

If controversial issues and viewpoints are left out of the pages of *The Spectator*, then we are left with an opinion section full of ideas that nobody can disagree with. Nobody would be offended, but nobody would read it or care.

This same idea applies outside of the pages of the newspaper as well. I was present at the infamous Peace and Justice Action League protest last month. If people across the country express American pride and patriotism, wearing ribbons and flying flags, then why should PJAG members not be allowed to peacefully gather and express their ideas, wearing green armbands? Why, instead of simply defacing PJAG's chalkings, don't people who disagree with the ideas expressed do their own chalking? "Argument is an intellectual process. It's not just the automatic gainsaying of everything the other person says," said Monty Python thirty years ago–a line intended to make people laugh, but with truth to it.

I love this country, but a line from a recent letter to Newsweek magazine haunts me: "The United States of the last few weeks reminds me of Nuremburg in 1938. All the flags, nationalistic songs, and speeches are awful," wrote one reader.

If we're fighting to preserve American pride and freedom, what does it prove that people are trying to silence the minority in dissent? Isn't that taking away the very freedom that we're trying to defend?

CARTOON BY NATE ADLER '05

September 11th: Tragedy or Wakeup Call?

One girl said to me that she hadn't ever seen so much "spirit" until the collapse of the World Trade Towers on September 11, 2001. She was amazed by the united stance of Americans from coast to coast, and the support of our allies in the international community. Other people said to me that they had never been so proud to be an American and though they might not like him, they fully supported President George W. Bush and any action he would take to bring justice to America. Reminded of standing

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on the corner of Greenwich Street and Battery Place, only a few blocks from the World Trade Center, reminded of watching people helplessly fling themselves out windows ninety stories in the air, reminded of the taste of dust cloud that overtook those in Downtown Manhattan who were lucky enough to get out of the buildings, I am not overwhelmed with a sense of national pride. I am not honored by the flag buying, memorial t-shirts, and jacked up price of postcards. If anything, in the midst of this all, I am more upset than ever to be a citizen in the and of the free and the home of the brave. I continue to watch people walk over each other on the way to the subway. I continue to see roommates fight, parents yell at their children, and people worry about fitting in. I see women's eye freeze over at the sight of a man in a turban walking into the subway station. I feel my own paralysis as I am continually evacuated from my life.

I needed to get out. I went to see Snoop Doggy Dog, the notorious "west coast" rapper with a rap sheet a block long. Finally out of jail and with a new record to celebrate, his "Puff, Puff, Pass" tour was kicked off in early October. I didn't know what to expect. I thought about the trauma that the "rap wars" brought to individuals, families, and fans on both coasts during the early 1990s. I thought about metal detectors, hand guns, and suped up Sport Utility Vehicles with tinted windows. I thought that maybe I might be shot if the wrong people showed up. After being patted down and scanned with a metal detector, as was everyone in the crowd, I entered the Hammerstein Ballroom on West 34th Street half an hour late. I walked past people of every color, size, and style. Just as the crowd could take the suspension no longer, the lights went on stage and Snoop's entourage, the "Dog Pound," bounced out on stage. Within seconds, Snoop, the king of rap, stood in front of the crowd, sporting his trademark French braids and a baby blue jumpsuit. Within the first half hour of his performance, Snoop paid homage to the fallen stars of the rap wars (rappers 2Pac from the West Coast and Biggie Smalls from the East Coast, who both were shot to death within months). He recognized the brothers in the house that were trying to make ends meet the best way they could–even if it was not the most legal. And then, the spot–light centered on him, and he asked the audience for a moment of silence. He wanted to thank New York City for its strength. He wanted to remind us that regardless of which coast you lived on, we were all Americans and we were all in this mess together. He wanted to stand with New York City and share a moment of reflection, or prayer, or anything. And for five moments, no one moved, and there wasn't a sound in the place.

I ended up on the seventh floor at Snoop's after party. I walked in and realized that my friend and I were the only "white girls" there. Growing up outside of an intercity, this didn't bother me, but my experience growing up also taught me that situations like these might bother everyone else. We went and sat down at a table, and waited for the room to fill up. A woman danced across the dance floor in a pleather two-piece outfit. My friend and I eventually agreed that she must have been getting paid to lap dance for the party. A while later, she danced over to our table. I don't remember what she said, but I remember that she was laughing and I was laughing. She came over, sat down, and grabbed my hand, and told me that I had to get up and dance with her. She introduced herself. It made her real. She was no longer the prostitute dancing around the party. She was Sax, an incredible dancer, an outgoing and friendly woman who eventually got us all on the dance floor. It didn't matter to anyone in the room that we couldn't dance, or that our skin was a different colors. We were all there to see Snoop. We were all their to have fun and to be together.

When I go to work, my incredibly liberal office cracks jokes about Arabs. My friends refuse to eat at Middle Eastern restaurants. My fellow citizens move out of the way on the street when someone with an "Arab look" walks in the other direction. I applaud Americans who have stood in line and given blood, and those who have contributed financially to assist those affected by the World Trade Disaster. But I respect only those who live it and breathe it. No one deserved to die the way that the 5,000 plus people died on September 11th. No children need to watch a monument as fixed as the World Trade Center or Pentagon shattered and evaporated. But America, as much as anyone, needed a wake up call. We needed something, especially my generation, to shake the foundation of our very comfortable and very convenient lives. We needed to realize that there is more to living than making a fortune on Wall Street, and buying a country house. My friends at Hamilton tell me to get on with things, and that life must go on. And it will. But sometimes quantity is worse than quality. What is the quality of our lives? What is the quality of our ultra-nationalism? Because we are the USA, we're right? Because we are the USA, we are invincible? I think we need to stop. We need a moment of silence longer than five seconds. Then we need to open our eyes, look across the room, and go convince someone who is visibly different from us that they should get up and dance. Because we aren't different. Because globalization is not going to kill us. But ultra-nationalism, separatism, and individualism will.

A Response to Rowbottom

I write in response to Joseph Rowbottom's letter of October 12th. There are many points on which I could take issue with Mr. Rowbottom's over–long rant: his scurrilous attacks against several faculty members, his lack of respect for standard English usage, and his inability to distinguish between a period and a comma are but three of these. I will, however, confine my cri-

NAOMI GUTTMAN
PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH

tique of his letter to his wrongheaded case against a peace rally at Hamilton. No doubt, the loss of several of his friends in the World Trade Center attacks made Mr. Rowbottom susceptible to some hasty judgments, and I do extend my condolences to him and to all members of the community who have lost dear friends, former students, and family in these outrageous attacks. Nevertheless, that Mr. Rowbottom claims to live in a democracy in which a peace rally is an insult to the memory of his friends and to the feelings of citizens in the Mohawk Valley must be addressed.

Mr. Rowbottom punctuates his letter with the refrain, directed to Hamilton faculty, that we should all "just focus on teaching...that is your job." I attended the peace rally, as did many others, precisely because I wanted to learn, and some of the people I learned from did happen to be professors. From Professor of Philosophy Rick Werner, I learned about how philosophers have treated the question of war, and whether such a thing as a just war exists; from Professor of History Lisa Trivedi, I learned about the history of America's involvement in Afghanistan, and how previous administrations helped create the ugly spectacle of the Taliban's throttlehold on millions of Afghani citizens; from a Pakistani student, I learned about the dilemma of Pakistan, where thousands of Afghani refugees live, and about her fears about civil war in her country should the Americans begin a military operation; from Professor of Classics Shelley Haley, I learned how civil liberties in this country are being further curtailed during the "war on terrorism," and that many of the people who are repeatedly stopped and questioned are the victims of racial profiling. And there were more people who spoke, who taught.

Whether or not I agreed with everything said at the rally, I learned a lot about the history of our current situation and the possible repercussions at home and abroad of a military response to the tragedies of September 11th. Mr. Rowbottom claims that the rally would do nothing, that the decision to go to war has already been made, and mocks those of us who might feel that more thought, more analysis, is necessary before rallying the troops and putting our young enlisted men and women, and more of our citizens, at risk, before further inflaming the virulent anti-Americanism from which these terrorists gain purchase on the hearts and minds of young Muslims. Of course, he is right that we are in the minority. But there have been peace rallies in New York, the city hardest hit by the attacks, and in many other cities and on many other college campuses across the nation, and thus we are not living in the "bubble" he claims we inhabit.

Early in his letter Mr. Rowbottom relates that an older woman from the village of Clinton came up the hill to protest the peace rally, because she didn't want young people "to get the wrong idea." In my view, the wrong idea would be to teach our students that we live in a democracy in which people should be ashamed to express the minority opinion; the wrong idea would be to teach our students that it is all right to settle for "an eye for an eye," that it is not necessary to analyze the past and examine the possible consequences as we make critical decisions in the present; the wrong idea would be to accept our "privilege" and not use it to educate ourselves and others in this difficult and uncertain time.

Lords are the Flies

It is the one problem for which our brave little campus has no solution. Not J-Board. Not Honor Court. Not even President Eugene Tobin himself has an answer. And the worst part is, it looks like it's a problem that simply will not go away.

Flies. Mosquitoes, gnats, bugs–whatever you want to call them. They're everywhere. They accompany you to class. They

CHRIS PRESTON '03
MANAGING EDITOR

join you for lunch. They form little colonies on your couch, licking their blood-sucking chops as they anxiously await you to plop right down among them.

Have you ever felt the little hairs on the back of your neck rise ever so slightly? That's them. Ever notice when the temperature suddenly drops in the room? Yep, them.

In August I didn't even think twice about their presence on campus. "Oh well, it's still summer," I foolishly thought to myself. "They'll be gone in a matter of weeks, once the temperature drops." Several weeks passed, nothing doing.

Then, we entered early October, with Fall Break right around the corner. "By the time we get back from break they'll be a distant memory," I assumed. I think they were at the airport to welcome me back to school.

Now, as I sit here on a Thursday evening in the friendly confines of the Spectator office, sheltered from the cold and wind of late October, I must rush to type each sentence for every ten to twelve seconds I am forced to defend myself against a vicious fly burrowing into my hair or gnawing at my face.

"Surely they'll be gone by November," you say. Probably not. You see, what we have failed to realize is that these are not your ordinary, run-of-the-mill flies. These flies can brave the elements-hot or cold, rain or shine, snow or hail. They could care less. And there is no such thing as seeking refuge indoors, either. These flies can open doors. While I have yet to actually see one of them do it, I think its proof enough when you can't find any available tables in Commons because those rotten flies have occupied every spot (and don't give me the old, "they enter when we open the doors" bit). And worst of all, these flies want you to kill them. Every fly we happen to swat splits into two flies, while we aren't looking of course (they're smart, you see), and return angrier and more bloodthirsty than ever.

So don't bother filing through your couch's cushions for the 89 cents you intend to spend on fly swatters. They won't do any good. Thinking of install-

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Why Vandalize?

So what makes a person, say, throw a beer bottle through an administrative building, start a fire, or punch a window? Is it simply someone who is so intoxicated that they think it would be funny to do something extreme? Or is it just a belligerent drunk who gets really pissed off for no reason? I'm just posing these questions because there

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ASSOCIATE I&I EDITOR

seems to be a plague of vandalism ripping through our unbelievable campus. I wonder if the extent of nonsensical violence that goes down at any other comparable institutions matches that of Hamilton.

Some of the buildings that we live in are more than one hundred and fifty years old. In South, there is now water in every crack and crevice of every wall and ceiling on one side of the building because there was an actual fire, and the sprinklers went off. The building's foundation is being destroyed by a small amount of people. Nevertheless, as in most cases, a small few have the power to defile the reputation of the Hamilton student body.

We are so privileged. We have so much at our fingertips, most likely more than 90% of collegiate student bodies in all of America. We are intelligent, bright, athletic, friendly, and outgoing. In most cases, we are amazing testaments to the power of a driven young person. However, when out of control drunks bust shutters that are lying out on a house on College Hill Road, or when a historical campus monument is ruined, or when thousands of dollars of damage is done to Clinton business signs, the entire community is frowned upon. As a whole, the students of the college are made to look like irresponsible, selfish, and careless young people.

I enjoy a good time, I like to laugh it up with my friends, but I would be really mad at myself if I did something really brainless when I was stupid drunk. I should hope that the students at Hamilton have the same kind of regret. After they've committed these acts of violence and nonsense, I hope they have the regret of sullying the name of Hamilton College.

Like the 2/3 = 1/4 campaign, I've begun to see these "90% don't vandalize" posters. If this is true, this only emphasizes my main point: a very small minority is bringing shame and disrespect upon a much bigger major-

see ***Vandalism****, page 8*

THUMBS UP

- The Yearbook's campaign to prove that 1/3 drinks 3/4 of the alcohol
- Freshmen being initiated to the prospect of having "social options" this weekend
- Having late night picnics thanks to the scientific wonder that is the George Forman Grill
- Parents in the VT = Free drinks
- Our ability to piss people off with this column

THUMBS DOWN

- KPD responding to a noise complaint in your room
- The revolving door of coaches here at HamTech
- Your roommate walking in while you're making sweet, sweet love to his sister
- Campus Safety taking out their "roid rage" on Carnegie

WHO CARES?

- The Buffers
- The rabid cyclists who believe Martin's Way is the newest stage of the Tour de France
- The gourmet delights of boiled hot dogs and mysterious meats at Saturday's cookout
- Paul P.'s new wardrobe, thanks to the J. Crew Outlet sale
- Oktoberfest in Commons – no big-breasted women, but kegs of ROOT beer

by Dan Kaufmann '03, Paul P. Jones '03, Lauren Reynolds '02, and a gaggle of ATX seniors

Nightly News

by Koert Wehberg '04

Once again, the time, has come,
To see, what evil, has, been done.
The reporter's mouth, and eyes, are set,
To deliver news, that will, be met,
With cries of outrage, and of pain,
Yet with these cries we will remain,
silent.

"In the highlights, of this, past day,
the Muslims, and Jews, are still, at play,
their guns, and tanks, will never cease,
while their leaders, sit, and ponder, peace,
a piece of mind and that of land,
and for the republics for which they stand,
those of Israel, and Palestine,
where boys die young, and guerillas dine,
upon the flesh of innocence,
and stoke the flames of insolence,
WHOSE FIRE WILL BURN, WAX AND WAIN,
AS WE, REMAIN,
BLIND".

"In still more, inspiring news,
the Chinese people, have, to choose,
whether to sell their blood, or not,
I here one pint, can go for a lot,
A bowl or two, of rice, perhaps,
But not, enough, to fill, the gaps,
Of stomachs of women, children, and men,
Who soon will lose their lives, but when?
When H.I.V has taken its toll,
And AIDS has taken the rest of their souls,
But not to worry, we are still here,
Ready to turn, a silent ear,
As we, remain,
Deaf.

"Just one last story, before we go.
This one is hard, to tell, you know?
With all, this sad, international news,
I forgot to mention the domestic blues,
But truly, what is there, to tell?
There was Eddie Lopez, who fell down the well,
And Annie Smith, stabbed and raped,
But they found the guy, isn't that great,
It was her father, sad but true,
But what of John and Lisa Woo,
They starved, to death, on the cold winter street,
I guess they didn't, get enough, to eat,
Their mother came from a distant land,
They said her body was in great demand,
Unfortunately, this was, the case,
The woman vanished, without a trace,
And what of John and Lisa Woo?
I guess we can forget about them, too,
But we can't, forget, Radell Night,
Who was shot by mistake in a gangland fight,
But, on second thought, maybe we can,
The poor, black, boy was not even a man,
And what of the news that is yet to come?
We'll wait 'til tomorrow, then let it run,
Upon our tired and jaded brains,
As we, remain,
Dumb.

"So that's all the news, for, today,
I hope you bend down on your knees and pray,
For life, justice, and sanctity,
Because as long as we remain mute, there will be no serenity!

*from **Vandalism**, page 7*

ity. A small disaster happened in my room this weekend; there was a fire with a subsequent shower from sprinklers. I was happy to see that if a real, accidental fire were to get started, our whole building wouldn't go down in flames; however, the draining for the sprinklers was not up to par and totally ruined a lot of things in my room and the room below. This is another obvious example of how someone else's actions affect other students.

Please don't vandalize, and please don't get out-of-control drunk this weekend. By vandalizing this campus, you're saying that you don't appreciate it. While I know that this probably isn't the case, show some respect for this college and its students by not breaking anything this weekend.

The War Must Go On

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A few Sundays ago, the bombs finally started flying in retaliation for the terrorist attacks on the United States. What a relief. Almost a month had gone by, and some of us had started to wonder whether all this coalition building was going to become an end in itself, a configuration assembled by the U.S. Government as evidence of its diplomatic skills. In any event it was the United States and our trusted ally Great Britain who unleashed the first round of coordinated strikes on military and terrorist targets in Afghanistan, with general approval around the world. The Bush administration warns that there may be strikes against other countries as well. After years of watching terrorists escape justice, it is encouraging to see a president willing to fight back and defend America and all that it stands for.

No American wishes to contemplate the idea of war, the horrific circumstances in which humankind loses many of its precious citizens in a brutal effort to protect other humans. War is tragic and unfair, and we must weigh very heavily any decision that results in our own being killed in efforts to prevent further terror. Yet sadly, killing is what we have suffered, and war is what has been unleashed upon us. The losses incurred on American soil were far more grievous than those at Pearl Harbor.

Indeed, the events of September 11th constitute the most devastating attack on the home soil of the United States in its long history. If the mass killing of thousands of our civilians in a time of peace, the destruction of our most hallowed buildings, the derailment of our economy, and the terror of germs that has nearly paralyzed parts of our government mean we must go to war to defend ourselves, then so be it. The gates of hell have been opened on us, but as President Bush reassured the nation, "We will close end this our way."

The U.S. and the Bush Administration have crafted and continue to brilliantly craft a military strategy that includes diplomacy, compassion, and the use of force to annihilate the threat of terrorism. The current phase of the war has been in progress for over three weeks now, and we have strategically and successfully been debilitating the evil forces of Osama Bin Laden, the Taliban, and Al Qaeda. Now, with the holy month of Ramadan approaching, pacifists are finding another excuse to argue that the campaign should pause, out of respect for the TERRORISTS' religion. But why should America respect the TERRORISTS' religious sensibilities, when the TERRORISTS don't respect America's right even to exist, and in fact, recently murdered thousands of innocent Americans? Don't get me wrong, Americans, like the rest of the world, must respect all religious beliefs and values of the global community, but not of the evil terrorists like Bin Laden who would shield themselves behind the pious covenant of religion.

Why on earth should we give Bin Laden and his forces a chance to regroup and recover from U.S. attacks? The notion's even more ridiculous when you realize that not even Islamic people take such timeouts during times of war. "Iran and Iraq fought on through eight straight day in Ramadan during the 1980s and Islamic terrorists in Algeria killed 1,500 people during Ramadan in 1994. The Afghan mujahedeen, including many Taliban and al Qaeda members, kept up their resistance against the Soviet Union right through the holy days" (source: Remarks by DOD Secretary Rumsefeld Press Conference - 10/23/01).

Let's face reality. America has been dragged into a war it did not start, but we must finish it, on our terms and when we are ready. We must not let history repeat itself. We must not give the perpetrators of the Sept. 11th a breath of downtime to re-group; we must finish the war in a decisive and successful manner as to forever cripple the forces of evil terrorists. Give no advantages to the enemy, andcontinue the crusade against terrorism uninterrupted until victory; that is the only sensible logic while at war and the only language that callous terrorists understand. These terrorists have a depraved indifference for life, and as President Bush said, Americans "must not yield...nor relent in the struggle for freedom and security for the American people."

God bless America and the soldiers who protect us. Let us never forget the innocent lives that were lost on Sept. 11th or the innocent lives of the people oppressed by the Taliban, Bin Laden, Saddam Hussein, and other tyrannical and illegitimate rulers.

As the holy month of Ramadan approaches this November, Hamilitonians should join with the Islamic Community on campus in celebrating this holy occasion and show the world that Islam is a peaceful religion that appreciates all walks of life jus like any other religion. Hamiltonians should be models for the rest of the Western World in comforting our Islamic freinds who might feel under pressure because of the reprehensible acts of a few.

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Voices

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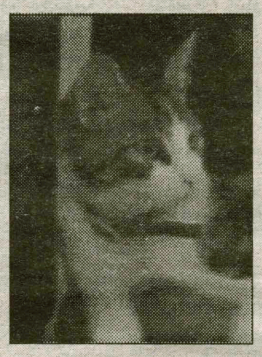
"Max from *Where The Wild Things Are.*"

- Laura Jane Prenot '02

"Friar Tuck."

- Matt Child '04

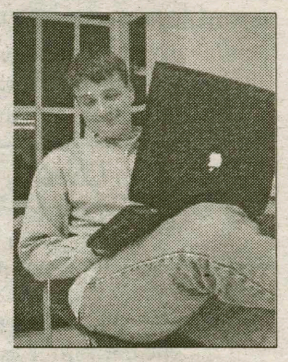


"My name is Kat. Take a guess."

- Kat Hughes '04

"It'll be finger-lickin' good. Come to the Keehn haunted house and see me!"

- Alex Cutler '04



"I'm going to be a Blueberry iMac."

- Chris LaRosa '03

Weekend Horoscopes

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21) You have a lot of homework this weekend. Don't let it interfere with your partying. Your lucky music: Disco.
Sagittarius (November 22 - December 20) Keep up the hard work. Someday others will notice your buns of steel. Your lucky exercise: the lunge.
Capricorn (December 21 - January 19) Some people can afford to procrastinate. You are not one of them. Use your time wisely. Your lucky building: Burke.
Aquarius (January 20 - February 17) Beware of squirrels. Your lucky Tree: Oak.
Pisces (March 20 - April 19) The dining hall food is scaring you more than usual. Order out all weekend long. Your lucky foods: Pizza, wings, and Chinese.
Aries (March 20 - April 19) You will find writing your paper while drunk a lot of fun. However, your professor will not be amused. Your lucky drink: Keystone.
Taurus (April 20 - May 19) You may feel a sudden urge to go to the gym. Don't do it! You look good just the way you are. Your lucky food: fudge.
Gemini (May 20 - June 20) You're going to do *what* this weekend? What would your parents think?! Your lucky Health Center pamphlet: "101 Ways to Get High Without Drugs."
Cancer (June 21 - July 21) You're smart. You're sexy. Of course that crush likes you. Go get 'em! Your lucky song: "Let's Get It On."
Leo (July 22 - August 22) Ummm... yeah. Better luck next weekend.
Virgo (August 23 - September 21) You really need to clean your refrigerator this weekend. It's for your own good. Your lucky food: Mystery Meat.
Libra (September 22 - October 22) Watch "The Cosby Show." It holds the answers to all of life's secrets. Your lucky hour: 4 p.m.

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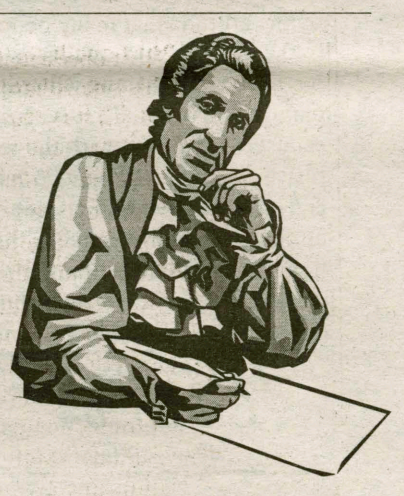

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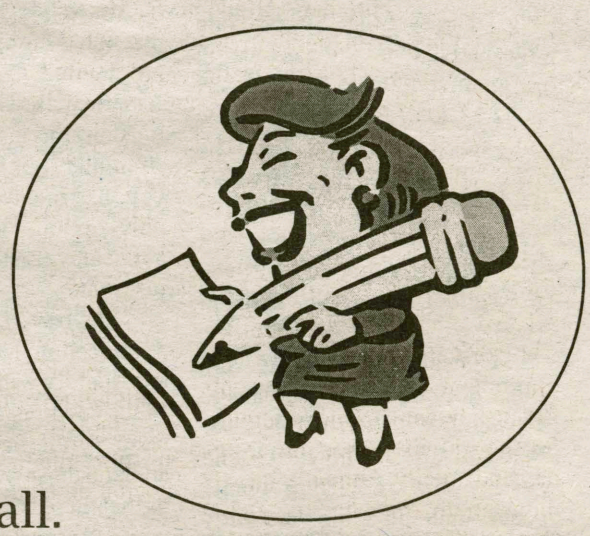

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Who are the Innocent Civilians?

PETER BRUNETTE '02
I & I CONTRIBUTOR

The news media has focused its attention on innocents killed in the war against the Taliban to those killed by stray bombs, and ignored those people killed intentionally. I would like to propose the argument that when we attack Taliban troops we are killing innocents. My argument is very simple and applies whether you accept the killing of innocent people as "collateral damage", or if you feel that killing innocents is always wrong.

The argument is as follows:

1. An unrecognized government does not have the right to force anyone to serve in its army.
2. No government ever has the right to force children to serve in their army.
3. Afghanis who do not voluntarily support the Taliban are innocents in the conflict.
4. The Taliban is an unrecognized government.
5. The Taliban forces people into their army; a large number of these people are children.
6. Therefore, the Taliban does not have the right to force children or adults into its army, and those forced into service are innocents.
7. Therefore, killing Taliban troops will kill innocents.

There have been numerous reports of people being forced into the Taliban army. This does not resemble a draft in the U.S. as much as it resembles someone threatened at gunpoint to enlist. For years, the Taliban has been criticized internationally for the use of child soldiers, which was internationally banned by the UN Convention on the Rights of Children.

The early phase of bombardment effectively eliminated most traditional targets, so current bombings have switched to attacking troops. Because the Taliban is illegally recruiting people into their army, and since many of these people are children, it is of great concern that they are continually bombarded.

From a just war perspective, these deaths can be seen as collateral damage, but they are a very significant amount of collateral, especially in an action in response the killing of innocent U.S. citizens. Moreover, since the U.S. is aware that the Taliban illegally recruits for its army, they are aware before any attack that this "collateral damage" will occur. If they are aware before the attacks that innocents will die, it does not follow that the deaths are accidental. U.S. foreknowledge of this "collateral damage" also conflicts with government statements that we are taking precautions to reduce the number of innocents killed. The only remaining defense for the attacks on military troops is military necessity.

But is it really necessary that we incessantly bomb Taliban troops? If commando raids are already under way, why can't they merely seek out the Al Qaeda network and spare the innocents in the Taliban army? Will killing forcibly recruited Taliban solders destroy the Taliban regime and the Al Qaeda network? I doubt that the average soldier knows any more about specific Al Qaeda's plans than the average U.S. citizen. Simply agreeing with the terrorist attacks, but having no foreknowledge does not necessitate a death sentence.

Even if you accept the deaths of many innocents for the sake of toppling the Taliban regime as collateral damage, I hope that this argument will illustrate that the number innocent lives lost is far greater than the number previously assumed.

Why We Need A Peace Movement

MATTHEW CHILD '04
I & I CONTRIBUTOR

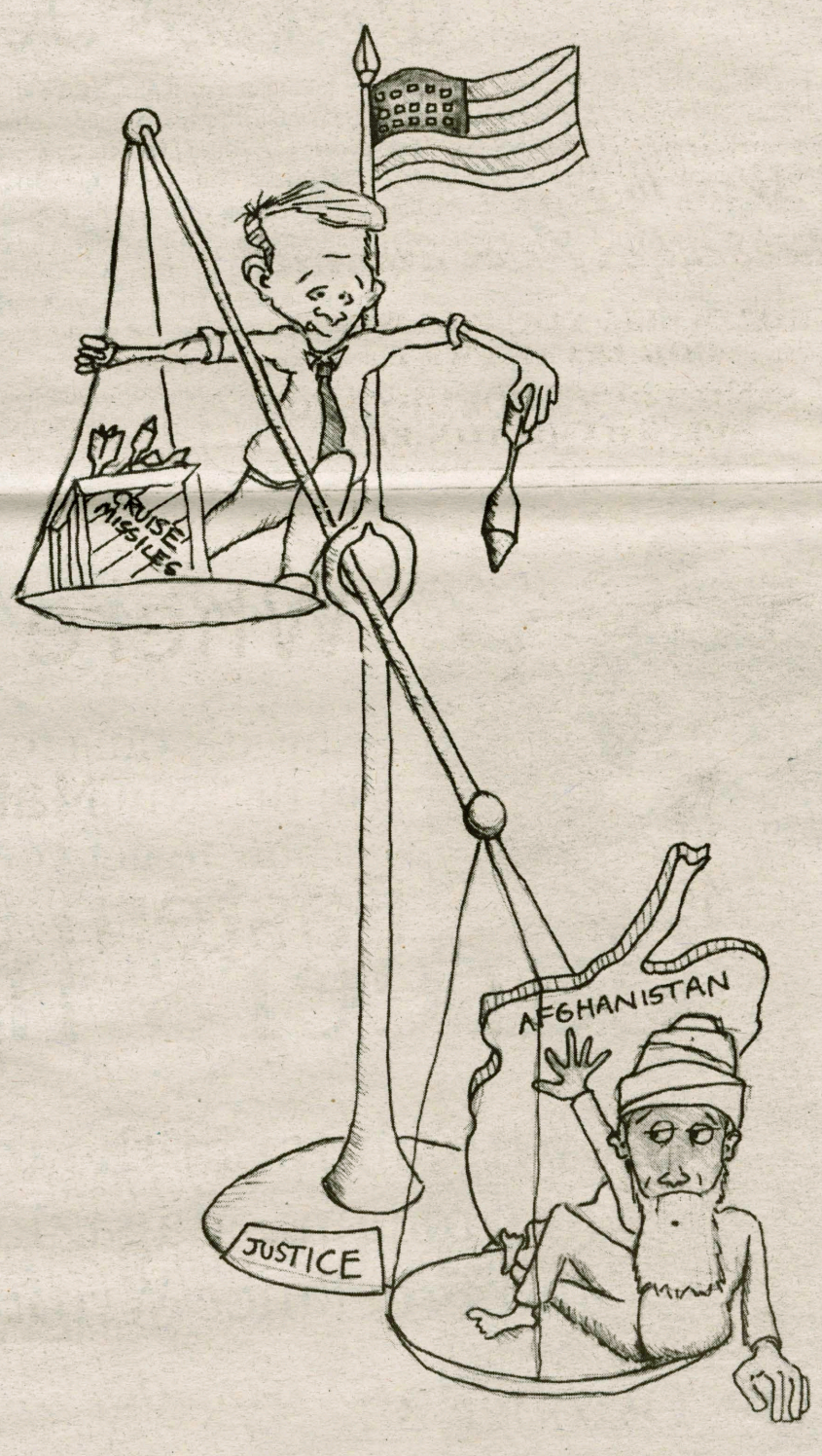
Like many Americans, I believe that some military action in Afghanistan is necessary to ensure the security of this country, and ultimately, the Western World. However, I'm disturbed by the attitude that many people in the country and on this campus have towards those who campaign against war. They've been accused of "siding with the terrorists," "blaming the victims," and otherwise being divisive and un-American in a time of national crisis. Advocates of military action have treated their opponents as not only possessing a contrary opinion, or even an erroneous one, but of supporting something reprehensible that should not be tolerated. "You're way out of line," I heard one Hamilton student tell a Peace and Justice Action Group member. The peace chalkings on Martin's Way have been called offensive and unacceptable, as if Professor Rabbinowicz and Peter Brunette stood on the bridge, assaulting proud Americans.

I find this attitude sickening. The fact that I can see no alternative to a long hard war in Afghanistan makes my heart ache. I long for peace and see only nobility in its pursuit. The fact that this war may well be a necessary evil doesn't make it any less evil. I can see no harm in considering alternatives, even if I cannot accept any of them (yet).

Considering the PJAG and other like-minded Americans to be siding with terrorism is patently absurd. The Peace and Justice Action Group wants peace, understanding, and unity among all people. The terrorists want war, fear, and division. The PJAG wants to achieve a change in U.S. foreign policy through peaceful demonstration. The terrorists want to destroy the West and everything it stands for. Others have stated that a peace movement on the homefront undermines our military. I have more faith in our fighting men and women than that. Those who say that the Peace Movement disrespects the victims of September 11th are also mistaken. They feel that the best way to honor their memory is to build a better, more peaceful world. I agree. I only wish that it were possible.

A peace movement is always necessary. To say that war is a bad thing is so obviously true that it's nearly patronizing to say it. However, it cannot be said too often. The dissenter is a necessary component of any democracy. The majority must have a gadfly in its ear, to remind it of its follies and options. It's always dangerous to blindly follow any course of action or political leader. While I agree with President Bush's (to choose an example) actions on this issue, he has made mistakes before, and will do so again. We cannott forget this in our patriotism. America's tolerance of dissenting opinions is one of its greatest strengths, not a weakness. If you, like me, feel that war is our only option, debate the peace advocates. Listen to them, don't just rant.

Maybe you or they will make a conversion. Maybe not. Someday, history will vindicate either Maurice Michaane or Peter Brunette. Until that day, I can only applaud those who would remind us that there is a better way, even while I disagree with them.



CARTOON BY NATE ADLER '05

Where's the flyswatter?

*from **Flies**, page 7*

ing screens in your windows, in case Physical Plant accidentally forgot to put them in to begin with, as is the case in Carnegie 402? Forget it. They'll find a way.

Why Hamilton, you ask? Good question. One to which only "they" can provide an answer. And they aren't about to reveal their secret to us. They're too busy carrying out their master plan of sucking this entire campus dry (aside: if you just laughed here, 1) grow up and 2) get your head out of the gutter).

In the spirit of the not too distant Thanksgiving, just be thankful that, if only for a few days, that eventually you will get a break from this mosquito madness in about a month. But don't get too excited: they'll be here when you get back.

Insights & Ideas
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To The Editor
The Spectator
Hamilton College

Dear Sir:

Let this be my quadrennial caution to all who use the Martin's Way crosswalk on College Hill Road.

#1 Pedestrians do NOT have the legal right of way at the crosswalk. I consulted with Administrative Judge Sidney J. Shiffman (retired) on this point, and he told me that whereas there are elaborate "rules of the road" for ships at sea, this is not true for pedestrian-vehicular traffic. People can expect traffic to stop if they are ALREADY IN the crosswalk. (Note carefully the wording on the little sign that appears sometimes at the side of the walk.)

#2 Many drivers who approach the crosswalk are not College oriented and are, therefore, unsympathetic to the needs of the students to get across.

#3 It is unwise to challenge arrogantly a two-ton vehicle approaching at any speed.

#4 Winter weather approaches, and it may sometimes be impossible for drivers to prevent sliding into the crosswalk regardless of their good intentions.

#5 Finally, (and for the benefit of those who profess immortality at the crosswalk) I would like to quote my favorite poem , learned from years of cruising the New England Coast:

Her lies the body of Sandy McKay
He died defending his right of the way.
He was right, dead right, as he sailed along,
But he's just as dead as if he was wrong.

Yours faithfully,
Sidney Wertimer
Professor of Economics, Emeritus

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by the I&I Editorial Team

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Arts & Entertainment

Riding in Cars with Boys

Darcy Lewis '02 buckles-up with Drew

One decision can make or break your life, your love, your career. In the new film *Riding in Cars with Boys*, a young girl makes a choice, and that choice is essentially determined her life. Drew Barrymore stars as the young woman, Beverly D'Onofrio, on whose memoir the movie is based. The film is at times funny and sad, but essentially it is an attempt at a true chronicling of the ups and downs of life and shows how the choices we make can have a profound effect. Barrymore, or rather a combination of her and a make-up artist, does an exceptional job of convincingly aging from age 15 to age 35. Barrymore truly comes of age in this movie, growing into her acting abilities, showing a fierceness of determination that hasn't been revealed in any of her previous acting forays.

We first meet Beverly at age 11, back in 1961. She introduces herself through a couple of hilarious scenes, including a great scene in which she tries to convince her uptight, conservative policeman dad (played by James Woods, who is consistently fabulous in every film he's in, even if he does make some bad choices. Anyone remember *John Carpenter's Vampires*?) that she needs a bra to combat the charms of more voluptuous girls in her grade. Already Bev's main focus is boys, and it is this particular weakness that gets her in trouble. At 15, she gets pregnant, an event that changes her life forever. Throughout these scenes, the film manages to inject some much–needed humor into the heavy subject matter of young pregnancy. What is important is not that Bev has a child, but that her dreams have been shattered by one single decision. She is determined to do the right thing, yet she consistently makes the wrong choices. She is human, after all, and she is going through something that she has never even fathomed could happen to her. She is basically forced to marry Ray, the father of her baby, for better or for worse, and life begins to lead her away from her dreams by presenting a new daunting task each time she gets close to getting her life under control.

It is Ray, brilliantly played by Steve Zahn, who is the real soul of the movie. Until now Zahn has made his very lucrative living by playing the loveable loser, the comic relief "go to" man in such notable films as *Out of Sight* and *That Thing You Do*. When Ray first enters, it seems as though Zahn is going to play the exact same role, intervening in Bev's life by sucker-punching a guy who has insulted her (definitely one of the funniest moments in the film). Yet as the movie advances, Zahn lets Ray get more and more complex as Bev has to deal with Ray's downward spiral into complex drug addiction. Ray is a poor man who has good intentions; he wants to do right by Bev, proposing to her by saying, "Nobody will love you like me, Bev." He is sweet, good-natured, and even a wonderful father, yet he is lured away from all that by the promise of escape from the drudgery of his life. Ray sinks even further into despair, but Zahn keeps him always resurfacing, always coming back for just enough air to last him through the next plunge. Zahn's portrayal of Ray is so strong that he almost cries out for a movie of his own.

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Drew Barrymore gets pregnant and hitched in *Riding In Cars with Boys.*

The movie has many jumpy bits, giving the film a disjointed, shoddy feel. The plot is poorly set up, and Bev and her grown up son, Jason, provide a weak foundation for the much more interesting flashbacks. Newcomer Adam Garcia plays her grown son, and because there is nothing to compare his acting to, I am unsure as to whether it was the character or the actor that was so unsatisfying. In any case, Jason is wooden, and the fact that he is the one who narrates the scenes between him and Bev takes the focus away from of Barrymore even more than Zahn does. The film does sport an otherwise wonderful cast: Lorraine Bracco ("The Sopranos") as Bev's caring mother, Brittany Murphy (*Clueless*, *Don't Say a Word*) as Bev's wild but wise best friend, and Peter Facinelli (*Can't Hardly Wait*, *The Big Kahuna*). The film could have been a much more important, heart-felt story of when and how to forgive others in our life, and when to start believing in the decisions we've made. But because of the strange set -up and restrictions on character, the movie falters somewhere between good and great. One thing is definite the boys will not want to ride along for this one. Girls only.

"Hey Mom, Dad, who wants to go party?"

by Megan Drumm '04
A&E WRITER

Ahh...Parent's Weekend! A time for eating off campus, having someone else buy things for you, listening to the sounds of beautiful *a cappella* music in the chapel, watching a guy swallow little fish, and hanging out at frat parties with your mom and dad. For most of you who had parents come up this Parent's Weekend you know what I am talking about; but in case you don't, here is a little summary of my parent's weekend. Study it well, and next year you too can have a highly entertaining Parent's Weekend too.

My parents arrived at 6:30 on Friday night, and after they settled themselves in their hotel room, we headed out to dinner. Now, while Commons and McEwen continually provide a plethora of food to eat, the food I miss most while I'm at school is seafood. You never walk into Commons and find that the special for the day is steamed lobster. We don't pay nearly that much for room and board. Therefore, I insisted that we head out to Red Lobster...the name alone being reason enough. When we got there, the wait, as it is at every restaurant on Parent's Weekend, was about forty minutes. I was determined to get my seafood though, so we headed into the lounge to wait. After forty minutes of talking and trying to fill my parents in on all my activities for the semester, I finally heard our name over the loud speaker, and we sat down. Now, I must say, seafood never tastes so good as when you have it after two weeks of eating pasta, salad, and grilled chicken for dinner every night, so my lobster tail and shrimp were some of the best I've ever had.

After dinner we returned to campus and sat in my room for a while, trying to decide exactly what we wanted to do. I suggested that we head to the *a cappella* concert for a little while, since not much else seemed to be going on that night. Just then, one of my friends IMed me and told me that he was having a little frat party in his room that night and asked me to come over around 11ish, since everyone was hanging out with their parents until then. Always up for a good party, I agreed and then mentioned that my parents were sitting in my room just then. He invited them to come on over if they wanted, thinking that I would never even for a second consider bringing them over. What he failed to realize was that my mother was quite the partier in her day, and she jumped at the chance. So after the always–crowed *a cappella* concert in the chapel, we headed over to his room, one far nicer than my room all the way down in Bundy. I told my parents that they absolutely had to play a game of beruit before they headed back to their hotel room, but they politely declined. It was a good thing they did, however, or they would have been even more disappointed than they already were when we arrived at his room and found everyone just sitting around, barely even talking. I think that everyone in the room was thankful that they were just sitting around innocently when my parents wandered in, but my mother took me aside later and said, "Wow, you guys really don't know how to party here, do you? You weren't kidding when you said there wasn't a lot of party life on this campus!" My parents left a shocked roomful of my friends shortly after to go to bed. They agreed to call me around 10 the next morning, knowing I would never be up before then. I said goodbye and headed back to the "party" for a short time before walking back down to my own room and going to sleep.

On Saturday morning my parents called at 10 as they had promised and then headed over here for the Parent's Weekend cookout, which I must say was disappointing compared to last year, and the football game, which we lost. My parents and I ran into my boyfriend and his parents there and had a nice little chat, and then we all decided to head over to the girls' rugby game. Now rugby is a game that I don't think I will ever understand, no matter how many times my boyfriend tries to explain it to me, but it is extremely interesting to watch, and I would recommend checking out a game if you ever get a chance. After that we headed into town to do a little shopping, always a highlight of Parent's Weekend, and then went to dinner with my roommate and her parents at Bella Cucina. The food there was delicious, and I left feeling totally satisfied, ready for some classy CAB entertainment. I unfortunately couldn't drag my roommate or her parents, but my parents decided that they were up for some disgusting entertainment, particularly my mother, who as a speech-language pathologist was intrigued to discover how someone could actually swallow a billiard ball. Stevie Starr, the professional regurgitator, was certainly one of the most bizarre and highly amusing people I've ever seen. My night was complete after that, so after chilling at the party in my boyfriend's room for a bit, I decided to call it a night.

The next morning, before my parents left for home, we went to the Alexander Hamilton Inn for brunch. The food was delicious, and I suggest going there any time you are looking for something wonderful for breakfast on a weekend and have some extra cash to burn. After brunch they headed home, and I headed back to my room to do some homework, completely satisfied with my highly entertaining Parent's Weekend. I'm already looking forward to next year,and maybe I'll even be able to find my parents a party that lives up to their expectations.

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"All your base are belong to us" -Anonymous

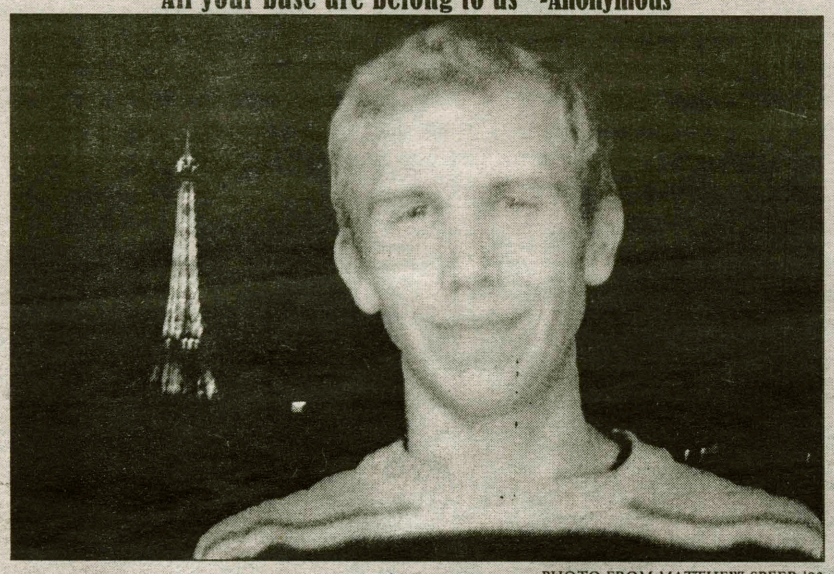

PHOTO FROM MATTHEW SPEER '03

A 20-year-old junior from Hudson, Mass., he is a Studio Art major and a French minor. Currently studying abroad in Paris,France, Matt Speer '03 is this week's Artsy Fartsy abroad!

Home? Hudson, Mass.
Why Hamilton? Because on a Friday night, all I really want to do is exactly what I did the last weekend. No, acually, I was suckered in by the campus.
Describe yourself in two words? Artisitc Fartistic
Why France? I like to eat disgusting things, AND the girls are really hot!
No, seriously... Oh yeah, the history, culture, and art. Ive been interested in France and its culture for a really long time, and I want to become fluent in the language.
Hobbies? Running, playing the drums, going to concerts, wiffleball.
Likes? The fact that I can see the Eiffel Tower from my bedroom, and you can't.
Dislikes? The puzzled, dismayed looks I get from a French people by gamely attempting to speak French to them.
Fav. French film? That one with the guy with the big nose...you know, Gerard something or the other.
Fav. actress? Kirsten Dunst
Fav Musicians? *DJ Shadow* and *RadioHead*
Artisitc Influences? Gaugin, Hockney, Futura 2000.
Sushi or Taco Bell? Taco Bell or nothing.
One thing you want to do before you graduate? Win back my tuition at Turning Stone Casino.
Future plans? Would like to be the head designer at my own graphic design agency.
Famous last words? A bientot.

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The Purple Rose of Cairo

Aletha Asay '05 gives the Classic Film Society a little business

Written and Directed by: Woody Allen Starring: Mia Farrow & Jeff Daniels

1985: Nominated Best Screenplay Written Directly for the Screen presented by The Academy Awards
1985: Won Best Film presented by: British Academy BAFTA
1986: Won Best Foreign Film presented by: Cesars

A young Depression- era wife, Cecelia (Mia Farrow), haggard and hardly keeping the diner job her sister got her, is obsessed with going to the movies. Once you see how her husband treats her, you might understand; movies serve as her escape from reality, where she is working overtime to bring in money. Her husband doesn't seem to have anything better to do than drink and hang out with "the boys." The current film she is engrossed in, and attends 5 times, is a corny romance involving a courageous adventurer taken away to NY city high life (still sporting his khaki explorer duds and sexy pith helmet). Each time a certain scene is shown, the viewer begins to notice slight inconsistencies, and then realizes that *The Purple Rose of Cairo* will not turn out to be an ordinary film. Tom Baxter (Jeff Daniels), a "minor character," begins talking to Cecilia, and then actually leaps out of the film to profess his love to her. They run out the side exit, leaving a stunned audience and a bickering cast onscreen.

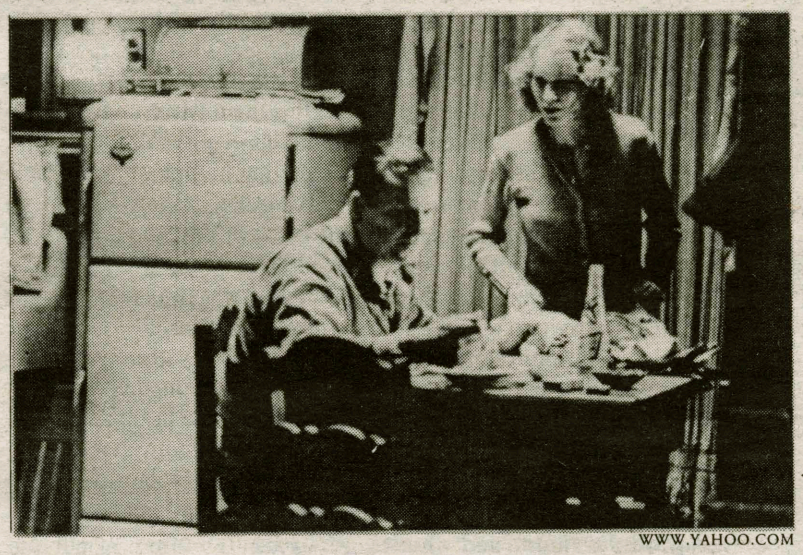
The turn the movie takes, at once surprising and out of place from the serious beginning, becomes more predictable as the viewer's understanding of the film broadens. The hilarity and shock of the situation is balanced by a dry humor: the audience cares more about getting their money back than the fact that someone just jumped off the screen, and the real actor who created the Tom Baxter character tries to keep his career from plummeting before it has really taken off. It is obvious from that point on, that Woody Allen's movie fits into a class of its own.

While moments may become predictable, the series of events offers food for thought by expanding upon a stereotypical movie genre (the Depression-era film) and shallow characters, to uncover an original theme: in real life, happy endings do not often happen. This movie, I should warn you, follows through on this promise, and ends rather unsatisfactorily.

If you are willing to sit through this film for the morality, comedy, and the mere curiosity of how everything turns out, go ahead; you will not be disappointed. However, there are a few things about *The Purple Rose of Cairo* that beg criticism. But apart from the open ending, I found the characterizations rather flat and annoying. Cecelia became the kind of female character that you just want to yell at to leave her husband, and her shrill whining voice didn't help either. Not knowing much of Mia Farrow, or her acting career, I think she did a very good job at convincing me of the genuineness of her character. I can only hope that her character is not like that in real life.

At the same time, her sometimes weak-willed attempts at standing up to her controlling husband made me feel bad for her.

The other lead character, Tom Baxter, was also shallow. Being a movie character, I guess that can be expected. For that role, Tom was overly qualified. He was constantly ready to spew witty remarks and love epithets,while walking around in his khaki costume without any knowledge that wasn't "programmed" into his character. The sick part was the way that Cecelia, a real person, could be so enamored of this so obviously fake character. Although sometimes irritating, this contrast between Cecelia's world of illusion and the real world, which Allen's crew expertly portrayed, was the real tension holding the film together. Luckily, the discomfort of watching some of these characters interact only lasts 84 minutes.



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Mia Farrow and Jeff Bridges star in Woody Allen's *Cairo*. The Hamilton College Classic Film Society presented the film this past weekend.

The showing of *The Purple Rose of Cairo*, and other classic films, are sponsored by the Hamilton College Classic Film Society. Movies are shown monthly in the KJ Auditorium and include such classics as The Godfather.

Gaming Corner: The Need for Power

Mithat Yaltir '03 takes a look at the real-time strategy game, *Caesar III*.

Many gamers would agree that playing *Simcity* was fun. Many enjoyed the challenge of Building a city and fulfilling the needs of the population to stay in office . However, *Caesar III*, developed and published by Sierra Studios, takes the city building experience to another dimension. Gamers assume the role of a mayor and build cities during the glorious years of the Roman Empire.

Caesar III lets the gamers decide what purpose the city is going to serve for the Roman Empire. One can choose between building cities that are production intensive. In other words, Caesar expects high production of certain goods, such as food, pottery, steel works etc. The city also has options to be military-intensive. Under this option, the city is expected to support numerous legions that will defend and conquer for the Roman Empire.

Whether the city is going to be production or military intensive, it needs citizens to supply the labor for production or manpower for the legions. Also, the more people that live in the city the more tax revenue generated for the city. As a result, the first job of the mayor is to make the city attractive for immigrants by providing facilities that are going to fulfill the needs of the citizens.

Citizen needs range from basic (food, fresh water) to complex (luxury goods, education, entertainment). In the early stages of the game, new immigrants move in just as the gamer builds the residence. Supplying food, water, and shelter will be enough not only stop new immigrants from moving into the city, but can also make current residents move out. Unemployment, food shortage and, high taxe, just to name a few, are other problems that mayors may encounter.

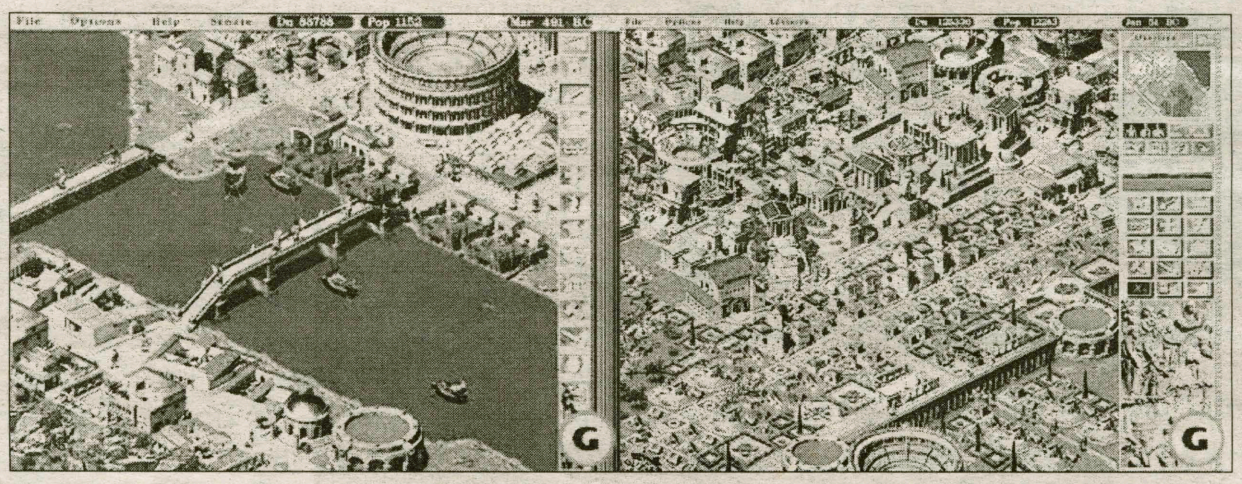
From time to time, Caesar gets involved in the mayoral business from time to time by requesting certain goods to be dispatched to him. The mayor has the option to ask for additional funds if the city runs out of money. Such a request, however, usually has a negative impact on the mayor's relationship with Caesar.

Trade options included in the game add depth. Trading is a better way to increase revenue, because both Caesar and residents will be happy. Building market places and warehouses, and then opening trade routes to different cities provide the means of trade. It is up to the mayor to decide what the city will import and export.

Another feature of *Caesar III*, that other similar games lack, is the option of self-interest. *Caesar III* allows gamers to build their own house, at the expense of taxpayers' money of course, and mayors determine their own salary. The choice is up to the gamers: serve the people or serve themselves.

Caesar III is a cool, but extremely tough game. The learning curve is long because of the level of detail in the game. Also, the game is "gamer-unfriendly," because one very small mistake can cause huge problems. All in all, people interested in history can try this game. It has certain elements that can offer hours of fun.

Wrap-up: Get a taste of what it is to be a mayor in the Roman Empire.



Trade is the key to success when playing Caesar III

You thought it was easy to please citizens? Think again.

Gaming Box

Flight Simulator 2002 in stores

Microsoft's latest flight simulation game is now available

World War II Online update

Strategy First and Playnet.com release a major update for their massively multiplayer online wargame.

Search and Rescue 3 demo available

Global Star Software releases a playable demo of its upcoming rescue helicopter sim.

Renegade coming in February

Westwood postpones Command & Conquer Renegade, its upcoming action game based on the popular Command & Conquer real-time strategy games.

(News compiled from http://www.gamespot.com by Mithat Yaltir'03)

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Alternative Weekend 2

by Whit Rothe
A&E WRITER

If you are complaining about nothing to do this weekend, check out: *The Lillywhite Session*s by Dave Matthews Band.

Dave Matthews Band being a popular band here, I am sure most Hamilton Students have heard their most recent studio album *Everyday*, but how many of you have heard their other newest studio album? For those of you who have no idea what I am talking about, there is another Dave Matthews Band album that was scrapped last year in favor for their new radio-friendly package. I won't go into the details about why they scrapped the album, and why it was released over the internet, because it was a complicated mess. However, I will go through the album.

I am a huge DMB fan. I collect and trade live shows, and go to every show I can. Now, I really like *Everyday*. It is a little bit different from their previous releases, but the songs sound especially jamming live. However, *The Lillywhite Sessions* still remains the prize jewel in my extensive DMB collection. Here's a quick rundown:

1. Busted Stuff: About a man who's upset because the love of his life just ditched him. He still believes that "she the one for me."
2. Grey Street : About a repressed woman trapped by her abusive husband, ignorant father. No matter what she does, she can't seem to escape.
3. Digging a Ditch: About finding solace from all one's troubles in digging a ditch.
4. Sweet Up and Down: About the cycle of life, and how we all experience good times and bad.
5. JTR: About one man's devotion to his woman, and his pleading for her to return the favor.
6. Big Eyed Fish: About three different creatures whose ambitions and lives turned up meaningless, and the contemplation of suicide.
7. Grace is Gone: About the death of a loved one, and finding comfort in alcohol.
8. Captain: About going deeper into madness and trying to keep control.
9. Bartender: About the comparison between a bartender and God, and finding salvation.
10. Monkey Man: About the misdirection of the human race and the damage it is inflicting on the earth.
11. Kitkat Jam: About the selfishness and power of one beautiful woman, and how she will eventually lose everything.
12. Raven: About the salvation of the world embodied in a raven.

It is pretty heavy stuff. However, there is a glimmer of hope in all of this depressing reality, and it comes in the form of saxophonist Leroi Moore and violinist Boyd Tinsley. While Matthews is trudging through his dark journey, Moore's sax and Tinsley's violin play off of each other throughout the long walk, making the trek surprisingly upbeat. What makes *The Lillywhite Sessions* brilliant is that it leaves the band completely naked in their music and their message. The album is mostly unpolished studio cuts, and this gives a level of complete honesty to the messages imbedded in the music. The songs represent a part of how Matthews was feeling during that period of recording. For example, a lyric in the song Proudest Monkey:

"But then came the day, I climbed out of these safe limbs. Ventured away, walking tall, head high up, and singing, I went to the city: car horns, corners and the gritty. Now I am the proudest monkey, you've ever seen."

Now, compare this to a lyric from Big Eyed Fish:

"Another one: see this monkey sitting in his tree. One day, decided to climb down and run off to the city. Look at him now, tired, and drunk, and living in the street. As good as dead, you see, a monkey should know stay up your tree."

It is a very interesting connection. In *The Lillywhite Sessions,* Matthews is lamenting because despite of all of his success, he still is unhappy and is wondering why. The answer seems to lie in *Everyday.*

The Bottom Line: A masterpiece. Dave Matthews Band reaches a new level of maturity in their music, raises some thought provoking questions, and offers a glimpse into their personal character.

For more information on what happened (really interesting):

http://www.rollingstone.com/features/davematthews/
For lyrics:

http://www.dmbml.com/music/lyrics/lillywhite.html

If anyone wants a copy of the Lillywhite Sessions, or is interested in other Dave Matthews Band live recordings, just drop me an email: wrothe@hamilton.edu, and I'll be happy to burn you a copy.

Music Notebook

by Michael O'Leary '04

On November 2nd, a night that no *a cappella* fan should miss, the Buffers will be holding the first Buffer Invitational in the Events Barn. The Buffers will be performing, as well as other *a cappella* groups from different colleges in the Northeast. The groups performing use a range of styles, from the comedy found in a set from the UPenn Six-5000, to more musically centered groups, like Ephoria from Williams College. The Buffers hope that hearing different styles of groups will provide the *a cappella* fans of Hamilton with an even wider range of styles and ability levels.

"The UPenn Six-5000 is a very accomplished group. It will be worth coming to the concert just to hear them," said Buffers president David Steadman. The UPenn Six-5000, an all-male group, is musically very tight and was selected for the prestigious BOCA (Best of College *A cappella*) CD. They try to incorporate comedy into their set as well.

According to the group's website, "One thousand drunken college students watch in awe as the group spends two hours humiliating itself and most everyone else in the general vicinity."

Another group set to perform is the all-female group Ephoria from Williams College. According to their website, "Ephoria is an all-female *a cappella* group dedicated to producing the finest music possible while at the same time enjoying extreme amounts of fun. [Their] repertoire, which is comprised of both original and professional arrangements, ranges from pop to jazz to rock with an odd penchant for Fleetwood Mac and 80s classics. In addition to [their] large concerts each semester, [they] enjoy performing in smaller venues throughout the year, both on- and off-campus." The Buffers are extremely excited to have Ephoria singing at the Invitational, especially because they are female.

A third group set to perform hails from SUNY Plattsburg and calls themselves the Minor Adjustments. They are a co-ed group and will make a fine addition to the set that includes only single-sex groups.

This is not the Buffers' first time performing with other groups. They do a road trip every year to sing at other colleges, including Brandeis in Boston last year, and a trip to St. Louis the year before. This year they have two road trips planned. This year's event is a must-see for anyone who enjoys the Buffers, or *a cappella* music in general. All non-Hamilton groups are excited to branch out and sing for a new audience, and the Buffers are excited to show the campus what *a cappella* is like on other campuses. On this subject an emphatic Jeffery Valentine Batt said, "I have red hair."

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The Buffers, Hamilton's only male *a cappella* group is holding the first ever Buffer Invitational on November 2nd.

What is the Spectacle?

-The Spectacle is a student/faculty submission of photographic art.

-The Spectacle is your chance as an artist to have your artwork displayed.

-The Spectacle is empty this week because of the lack of submissions!

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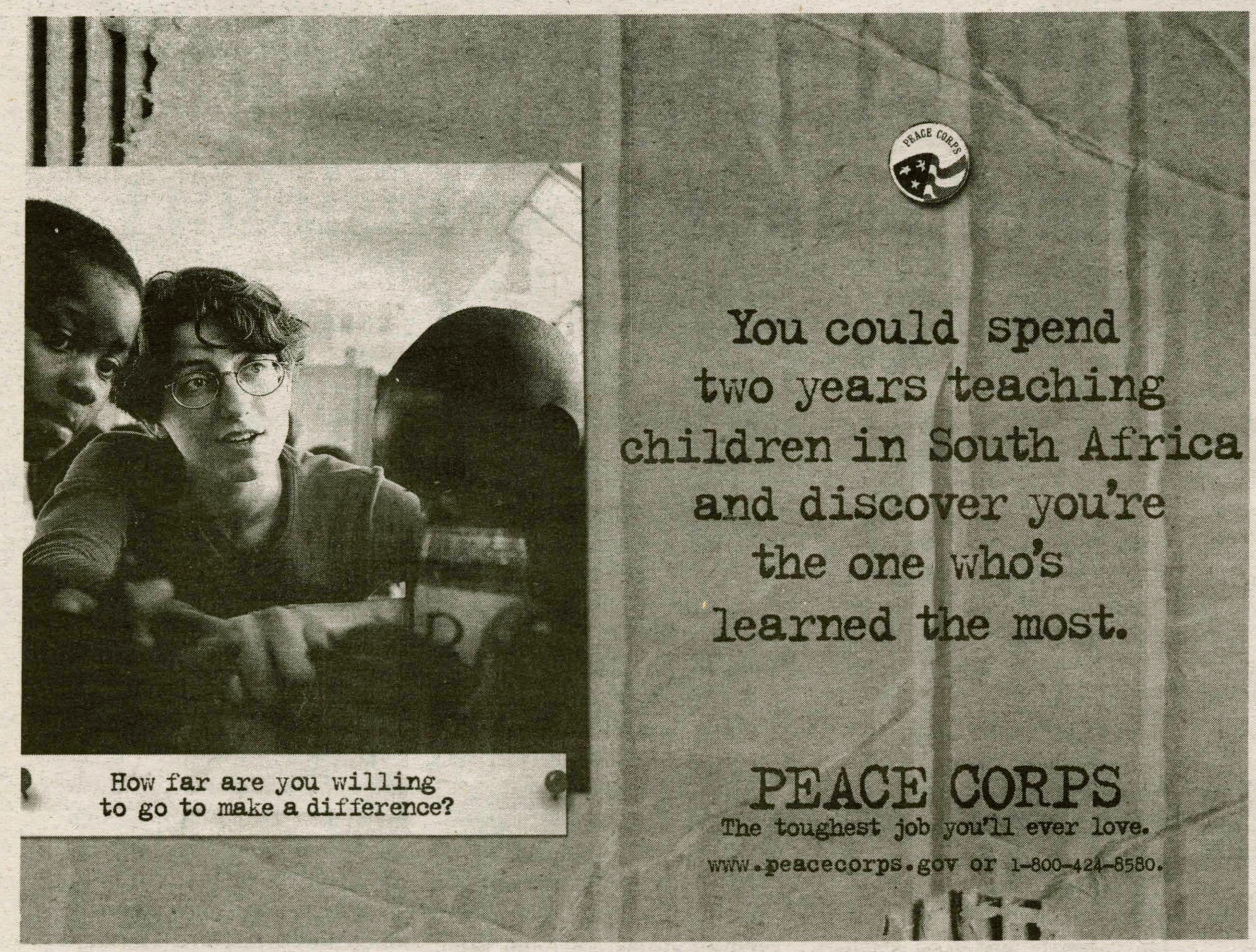
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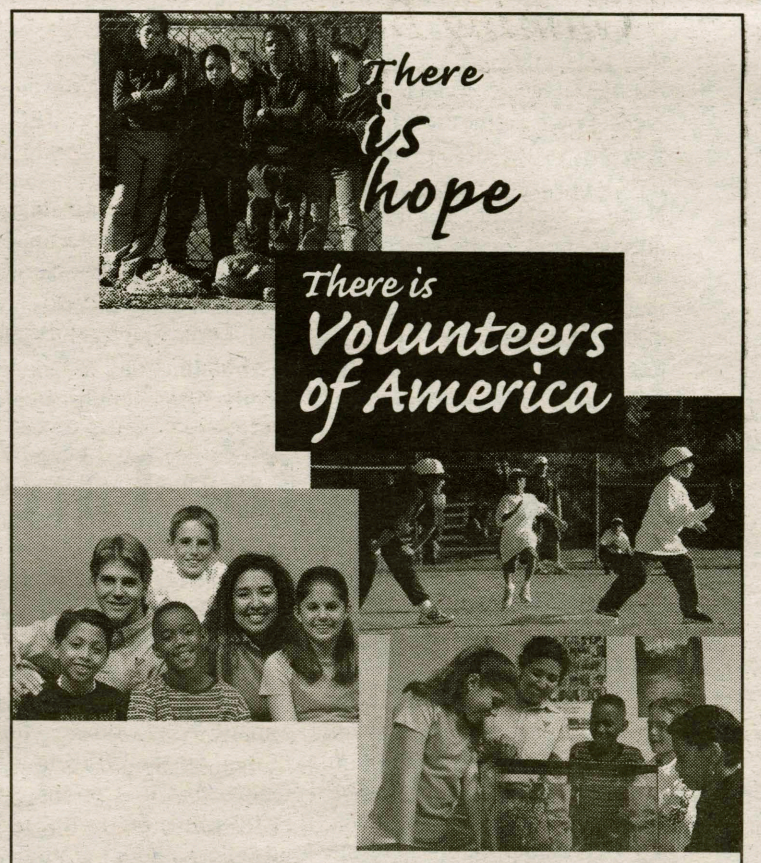
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Features

Sexy Medusa,misplaced eggs, and pumpkin envy: *Hill anticipates onset of Halloween's horrors*

by Jason Ruback '05
FEATURES WRITER

Halloween's appeal throughout the Hamilton campus takes on many different forms. Participating in Trust Treat, buying candy for little kids, Halloween parties, toilet papering, dressing up and trick-or-treating are all on the agendas for the students and faculty here on the Hill. Costume parties are going to be a huge part of the Hamilton Halloween experience. Students here get very involved with anything and everything, and October 31st will be no exception.

Some of the fun costumes mentioned by Hamiltonians were cartoon characters, The Tick, Superman, Batman, a butterfly, a princess, and a crossdresser. Of course, you'll have your occasional scary characters like vampires, the Scream guy, and a dominatrix (who also asked me to dress up as her man-slave for the night, but that's a different story).

Zombies, vampires, and devils scare the living daylights out of some people, but the worst was the Grim Reaper for one of Hamilton's professors. At the University of Buffalo, psychology professor David Nalbone attended a costume party with his two older brothers. One brother's friend, who had been dumped, called one of the brothers the night before Halloween. Needless to say, the older brother was not in the best of moods. Dressed as the Grim Reaper, Nalbone's 6'4" brother imposed quite a shocking presence, and, according to Nalbone "his mood matched his costume." Anyone would be scared of a 6' 4" Grim Reaper, but the five-foot long sythe next to him made the character almost as intimidating as Death himself.

Although Halloween can be scary, it can also mean a bunch of pranks, like egg-fights and toilet-papering a house. While some people think this will not be a big problem this year, others feel the opposite. Josh Huling '05 predicts that, "there will be toilet paper, and lots of it. It will be all over the place when the night is over." Since Huling will be on the prowl for female temptresses, he will not be one of the pranksters who will make the trees in South quad look like ghosts.

Some people's best memories of Halloween actually spawn from pulling pranks. Kai (last name withheld upon request) '04, once went toilet papering in his hometown neighborhood and says the fun part was when "the cops chased us for over four hours." A friend of his, Quang '04, has a fond memory of when he and his friends went 'egging' one Halloween. One of his friends was so drunk he "ended up egging his own house." Hopefully no one will participate in those kinds of hi-jinks here.

Activities that many Hamilton students are going to take part in do not involve toilet paper, but instead use candy, fake spider webs, and jack-o-lanterns. Trust Treat is a great way for students here to get in the Halloween spirit and spend time with little kids from the community. During a conversation with Jennifer DiNieri '03, we agreed that "the little kids are the best! They're so cute!" Some students plan on making haunted houses, such as the one Keehn residents are building, and others will be involved in manning candy stops or bringing kids around to trick-or-treat.

Larry Knop, a mathematics professor, remembers when his little kids were young enough to get into all the Halloween traditions, including making jack-o-lanterns. His middle son of three, Darren, "always insisted on getting the biggest pumpkin in the patch. The oldest would get the roundest, and my youngest would want the oddest-looking one."

He loves little kids still, and even though his have grown up, he still watches the Clinton Halloween Parade, which he describes as "small town Americana at its most extreme." Children from Clinton walk from the Clinton High School down to the fire station with the fire engine leading the celebrating kids down the street.

The children love getting dressed up and going trick-or-treating. Of course, Hamilton students do too and will do the same (wear costumes, not trick-or- treat. Well, maybe).

The challenge is figuring out what to get. Figuring out a good costume is easy, once you look around. Of course, the female costumes for adults all have to do with the word "sexy." After looking around, I noticed that almost every disguise had that word on the packaging. It's a good word, but once you see a sexy maid, sexy princess, sexy vampiress, sexy Medusa (etc, etc, etc.) over and over again, the whole idea of an arousing costume seems a little unoriginal.

Another great idea for girls is butterfly wings, asthe woman from Dougherty's Masquerade told me "They've been selling like crazy. We can't keep them on the shelves." Girls can also get the flirty t-shirts to turn into a costume; for example a chic vampire could use the shirt in Hot Topic that says, "I leave bite marks!" Dougherty's Masquerade in Sangertown Square Mall is quite a large store, but the division within the store is amusing. Nothing in writing signifies what section is what, but on the left the female costumes are displayed (all pink wrapping, "sexy" written on everything, a sign saying that says "all wings are behind the register").

All the male costumes are in the middle and back of the store; anyone can tell by the fake bloodbath that seems to be hanging from the racks. Gory masks, Scream suits with fake blood, and all sorts of fake plastic weaponry lie in the "male" section. Some of the bloody paraphernalia are so real they scared ME as I walked in (the fake zombie with ribs showing and blood oozing out of the mouth is not a friendly welcome to the store.)

Of course, there are some masks that look utterly ridiculous, like the mask with three knives going through a man's skull. Also, another woman in Dougherty's Masquerade told me that "Batman stuff has been going like crazy, too." At least on Halloween we'll have a number of Caped Crusaders to save us from all the zombies and Grim Reapers here on the Hill. Halloween night should be a busy one for everyone here.

With little kids around, candy everywhere, people dressed up as anything and everything, costume parties and anything else imaginable going on for October 31st, Halloween should turn out to be pretty interesting for everyone. Oh, and to ask a favor, if you see a dominatrix running around with someone on a leash, please try to aid me in my escape. Happy Halloween everyone!

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Do *you* have your costume yet? These two rodents and their vampiric accomplice are ready for Halloween excitement.

Feminist for Life defines female responsibility

by Celine Geiger '04
FEATURES WRITER

On Wednesday night the Levitt Center sponsored a talk by Serrin Foster on behalf of the Feminists For Life of America, "a nonsectarian, nonpartisan, grassroots organization that seeks equality for all human beings and champions the needs of women," according to its mission statement. Participants brought up many topics during the discussion, including the right to life, the role of feminism in promoting women's issues, date rape, unwanted pregnancy, and social attitudes concerning abortion, a hotly contested social and political issue among communities coast to coast.

Ms. Foster, president of the FFLA, began her talk by citing examples in history of feminist thinking and the women's movement, explaining that Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, and a majority of women reformers throughout the 19th century contended that it is possible to be both feminist and pro-life, proudly parading around while visibly pregnant during a time when it was socially unacceptable for pregnant women to be seen in public. Foster then moved on to more recent times, recalling the rally for a woman's legal right to choose that resulted from the creation of organizations such as N.O.W. during the women's movement of the 1970s.

The idea of "feminist demands" concerning the work force, equal opportunity, and education began to include the topic of pregnancy as a "block" impeding forward growth; most women believed that pregnancy and motherhood were a "disruption" in the workplace. However, along with this movement came the idea of women's rights and of equality, and the relation of these concepts to the state of the unborn child. How could these women preach nonviolence and justice for all, Foster questioned, and at the same time declare that it was justifiable to kill an unborn child? How was that equality? Feminism in its purest form, Foster explained, is the philosophy that all human life should be embraced without exception; the idea centers on justice, nonviolence, and nondiscrimination.

Foster took the same feminist stance on the topic of sexual assault in relation to unwanted pregnancies: the origin of the pregnancy does not invalidate the life it creates. She claimed, "It is medieval to decide the value of a human based on its father," and went on to recall stories of strong, educated women who were conceived out of rape. "Women who experience unplanned pregnancy," she explained, using a quote from television star Patricia Heaton, "also have the chance to experience unplanned joy."

According to Foster the problem of abortion lies in the false assumption that women in today's society have a right to choose. "Abortion," she claimed, "is a reflection that society has failed women." Often, they must make a choice between pursuing education and a career or raising a child. Upper management looks unkindly on maternity leave, yet becoming a mother requires steady income. In America today, Foster explains, women who have had abortions say it was because of a lack of financial resources and emotional support. This is especially true on college campuses, one of the main reasons that Foster is taking her group to universities nationwide. One in five abortions are performed on college women, yet they are the group most overlooked by society today. Foster acknowledged that "teen pregnancy" help and advice is often directed to women still in high school; the popular misconception is that by the time a woman reaches college, it is socially unacceptable that she would allow herself to get pregnant-by

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that age she should "know" what she is getting herself into. Foster then examined the conditions for pregnant women that typically exist on college campuses: no form of free daycare or health care for infants and a "dorm life" not suited for raising a child. "When you don't have a real home, day care, or a health plan-how is this considered a 'free choice?'" Foster challenged. She highlighted recent technological advances that make it possible for women to be removed from college campuses but still be involved in classes through class notes downloaded through e-mail, classes taught via telecommunication, and taped lectures. But this should just be the beginning. Women should take an active role in creating "a world in which pregnancy and motherhood are supported, a structured workplace that supports mothers, a society that supports the role of mothers and values the roles of fathers, and a culture where 'stay at home' moms are afforded respect," according to the mission statement of the FFLA.

She went on to explain, "College women can be catalysts for change because they are better prepared to challenge the status quo. Women are beginning to make their own society by challenging employees, starting their own businesses and taking matters into their own hands. Women have definitely gone places from where they first started out. It must be our choice to stop accepting what has been handed down to us by society and to speak up for our rights."

Reaction to the subject of the lecture was strong. Shelley Haley, professor of classics, attended the lecture and had this strong reaction: "There is nothing monolithic about feminism. That, for me, is one of the attractions of it. Feminism as a theory and social practice means putting women and women's concerns at the center. There are as many different 'feminism's as there are women. Reproductive rights are one of many issues of feminism; they certainly aren't the only ones, and do not dominate or have privilege over any of the others: equal employment practices, equal pay, child care, poverty, class issues, race, homophobia, and so on. It is possible to be both feminist and pro-life. However, I do not think one can be feminist and anti-choice. In my mind this a very important distinction. No one is holding a knife to any woman's uterus and saying , 'Have an abortion.' If a woman does not want an abortion, then she does not have to have one. Period. End of discussion. Just a couple of history lessons: I was 23 when the Supreme Court made abortion legal with its verdict in Roe vs Wade. I had friends and relatives who died or were maimed for life because of illegal abortions. We cannot and we will not go back to that nightmare."

That is what choice is about: the woman decides, not her doctor, not her clergyman or religious leader, not her senator or her President, not her father, brother, or spouse. In a sexist society it will always be "radical" for women to assert themselves, find their voices, anduse them. In the same sexist society, it will always be a "radical" idea that the only person who should make decisions and laws pertaining to women's bodies are women. The goals of feminism have not changed. In the words of bell hooks, "Feminism is the struggle to end sexist oppression. Its aim is not to benefit solely any specific group of women, any particular race or class of women. It does not privilege women over men. It has the power to transform in a meaningful way all our lives."

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During her speech on Wednesday evening, Foster argued that supporting pro-life and being a feminist are not paradoxical, and commented, "College women can be catalysts for change, because they are better prepared to challenge the status quo."

Bike Co-operatives ecstatic over off-road escapades

by Jessica Atcheson '03
FEATURES WRITER

Bicycling, an activity that offers many rewards to the active rider, is slowly growing in popularity across the country. A number of people on campus may still be unaware of the Hamilton Bicycle Co-operative, an organization that provides a number of services and sponsors activities for bicycle riders on campus.

President of the Co-op Doug Boulware '02 reports that in the basement of Benedict Hall, the location of the Co-op, one can find a well-stocked inventory of parts, manuals, and bikes for borrowing. "We try to provide the opportunity for people to work on their own bikes," he says. The Co-op has a stock of approximately eight bikes available to borrow for a day or weekend.

People can also stop in at the Co-op, on Friday afternoons when it is open, to ask questions about trails or to get help with repairs. This is something that Patrick Lynch '02, who often takes advantage of the services and trips sponsored by the Bike Co-op, finds exceedingly helpful. "I wish that they would have it open more often," says Lynch, who feels that there should be a greater awareness of the services the Co-op offers, especially at a time when he has noticed more people riding around campus on their bikes. "People should know that if they have a flat tire or need their gears adjusted, they don't have to go down into New Hartford," he adds.

PHOTO BY ANNA GRITEEN '03

Bike Co-Op enthusiasts explore nature off the beaten path. For safety's sake, these men protect their heads before heading into the bush. Most trips average 35 miles.

The Co-op's activities also include the organization and sponsorship of various bicycle tours and trips. Virtually every Saturday at 11a.m., a group of cyclists gather for road bicycle tours that are headed by Professor of Geology Todd Rayne, faculty advisor of the Bike Co-op. This is the first fall that the Co-op has organized road rides; so far they have had eight, each averaging approximately 35 miles.

"It's a wonderful way to see the countryside," Rayne says. He continues, noting that along with offering a prime way to stay in shape, these road rides give riders the chance to become familiar with the local landscape and to learn the roads, as well as the chance to "learn where the mean dogs are."

The Co-op offers not only road rides, but also mountain biking rides and trips, which Boulware is in charge of organizing. In addition to riding on local trails in Rogers Glen and nearby parks, the Bike Co-op recently sponsored a mountain biking trip to Gore Mountain in North Creek, NY.

Lynch, as one of the five or six participants in the trip, raves, "It was one of the best days of my life." The Bike Co-op paid for transportation, meals, and lift tickets. "We traversed the mountain and rode some hard-core technical trails," Lynch says.

The Bike Co-op receives its funding from Athletics, as opposed to some campus organizations that receive funds through Student Assembly. Rayne tells us that the Co-op receives approximately $1,200-1,300 per year, which he feels is adequate for the purchase of equipment and parts and the planning and implementation of trips.

Rayne mentions that an old picture on the wall of the Co-op featuring a number of people on "really old mountain bikes" is evidence that the organization dates back at least to the late 80's. Since then it has gone through various periods of popularity.

The popularity of biking has also had fluctuations on the national level. National participation in bicycling has recently undergone a slight increase. A 2000 report released by the National Sporting Goods Association indicated an increase in participants from 42.4 million in 1999 to 42.5 million Americans in 2000. This minor increase came after a period of decline, possibly indicating that biking is slowly increasing in popularity once again.

Bicycling can be different things to different people. Rayne identifies it as his primary form of exercise, saying, "It is a fantastic way to keep in shape." Lynch also pinpoints a flip-side of biking; while asserting that it is difficult to explain, he says, "It's an amazing feeling when I ride a mountain bike...a nice sense of control, the feeling of freedom."

Hamilton is not alone in serving the needs of active and interested cyclists and mountain bikers on a college campus through an organized co-operative. Other colleges that have active bike co-ops are the University of Santa Cruz, the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and Oberlin College.

Rayne, who feels that there isn't a great awareness of the co-op on campus, says, "The most important thing for people to know is just that it exists and that it is there to serve all the students." For the avid mountain biker or road cyclist, or for the beginner looking to become one, the Hamilton Bike Co-op provides a number of valuable services.

The Science Page

"Mad elk" disease spreads across U.S.

by Hannah Stahle '03
SCIENCE EDITOR

Early this week it was confirmed that elk infected with chronic wasting disease, known as "mad elk" disease, were sold to ranches in as many as 15 states, seriously threatening the domestic and wild populations of elk and deer in the United States and in Canada.

Although chronic wasting disease (CWD) has been identified as a threat to elk and deer since 1967 when the first case was investigated, it has not received much attention. In 1967 a mule deer in Colorado exhibited abnormal weight loss and odd behavior before succumbing to death. It was not until 1978 that the cause of death was identified as chronic wasting disease.

Chronic wasting disease is categorized as a transmissible spongiform encephalopathy (TSE), as is bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), which is responsible for mad cow disease. As with mad cow disease, CWD is a neurological disease that attacks the brain of infected animals. Like with mad cow disease, the exact cause of disease is unknown.

Some hypothesize that the disease occurs due to the presence of prions. These prions take on the abnormal form of an otherwise necessary and normal protein in the body, known as the cellular prion protein, which is found mostly in the central nervous system.

This abnormal prion attacks the normal prions in the body and eventually converts all the prions to the abnormal form. The lack of normal protein in the body may lead to the disease, and the transformation of the normal prions to abnormal ones may account for the downward progression that is associated with the disease.

Another common hypothesis is that CWD is caused by some unknown virus, or by an incomplete virus that is made up of nucleic acids surrounded and protected from any immune response by proteins.

Although researchers are still unsure what causes chronic wasting disease, they are sure that the animals do not ever develop any type of immune response to the disease. Scientists have found that no enzymes or chemicals, or even significant heat, can manage to break the protein down; therefore, there is no possibility of a cure.

While so much is still unknown about the disease, the symptoms are distinct. Chronic wasting disease almost always occurs in adult animals and is only thought to affect elk, mule deer, and white-tailed deer. In all cases CWD leads to death.

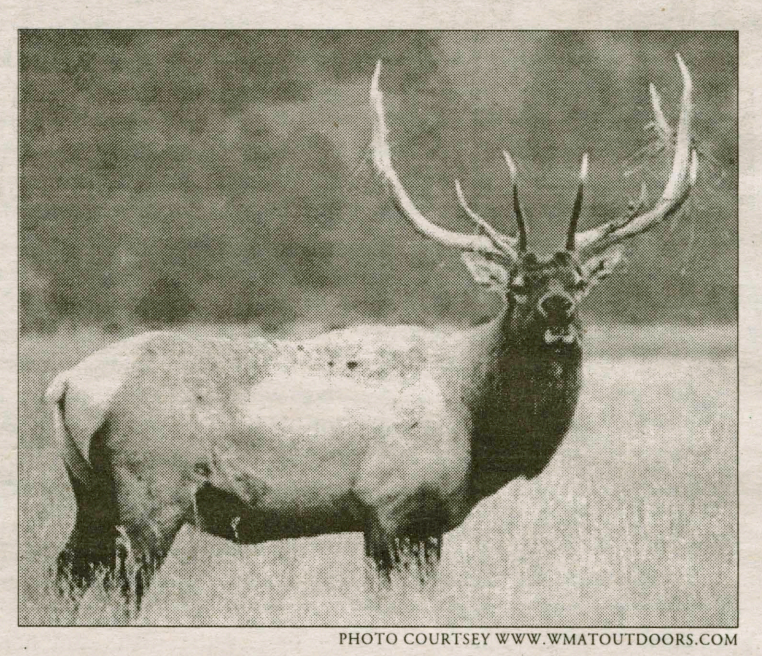
Some of the most prominent symptoms are rapid weight loss, excessive salivation, grinding of teeth, nervousness and hyperactivity, a lowering of the head, and engagement in few interactions with other animals.

The disease is also characterized by abnormal behavior such as repetitive walking in the same pattern and a general lack of coordination in all physical acts. Animals with the disease may develop depression, exhibit listlessness, and remain in a fixed location for long durations of time.

As the disease progresses, the animal eventually becomes extremely emaciated and loses all bodily functions before death. There is no known cure for the disease. Animals exhibiting any of the symptoms are removed from the herd and killed so as not to spread the disease to other animals.

There is no way to test the animals for chronic wasting disease before death, and the only definitive way to make a diagnosis is to examine a portion of a potentially infected animal's brain under a microscope, looking for the spongy degeneration of the brain that is characteristic of the transmissible spongiform encephalopathy.

Since the first diagnosis in 1978, the disease has been spreading across the West. In the mid 1980s the only cases of chronic wasting disease found in the wild were located in northern Colorado and in southwestern Wyoming. By May 2001 the number of cases had escalated, and positive diagnoses were made in Nebraska as well. Because of the number of cases, this area has become known as the "endemic area," for it seems that the disease originated there.



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This deer could be in dire trouble if the spread of CWD is not contained.

In 1997 chronic wasting disease was diagnosed in one domestic herd of elk in that area. Since then, 16 herds have been diagnosed in the United States. Currently, six of these herds are still under quarantine, and the others have been destroyed or have had their quarantines lifted.

The disease seems to be spreading rapidly; there have been over 245 sales of infected elk to farms all over the US, even as far east as Pennsylvania in the past five years. With the recent confirmation that infected elk were sold in fifteen states, there is danger that the wild populations will suffer if nothing is done to combat the disease in the domestic animals.

On this potential threat to wild populations of deer, Wayne Cunningham, a veterinarian with the Colorado Department of Agriculture, states, "We're trying to get our arms around it and figure out the extent of the exposure." Animals that have been in contact with infected animals have been quarantined and are being tested for the disease. All herds infected with the disease must be killed.

As a result of this new threat, researchers are scrambling to determine the causes of chronic wasting disease and are trying to understand how it is spread. Scientists think that it is passed through animal-to-animal contact or through contact with food or water sources that are contaminated with infected saliva or bodily fluids.

Scientists also believe that a mother can pass the disease on to her calf, and that when an infected animal dies, the soil can be infected for up to a decade, increasing the chances that another animal will contract and spread the disease.

Researchers do not believe that there is any chance that domestic livestock will be affected by the disease or that there is any danger of humans contracting the disease by eating contaminated meat. However, this is just speculation, and people are advised to act with caution.

Currently, the shipping of domestic elk across state lines has stopped in an attempt to contain the spread of the disease.

Anthrax research gives hope for new drugs

by Kristin Patrick '03
SCIENCE EDITOR

With Americans still reeling from the September 11th terrorist attacks, the biological threat of anthrax continues to dominate the current threats to the United States.

In the past week alone, the total number of confirmed cases of anthrax infections has increased to 13, seven contracted through skin contact (cutaneous) and six through inhalation. Three deaths have resulted from inhalation of anthrax spores. The number of anthrax exposures stands at 32.

These sudden attacks have incited much attention from both the public and the scientific community, as both groups strive to better understand the anthrax bacterium, its transmission, and its treatment.

This Tuesday, scientists from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases reported two major advances involving the precise mechanism of anthrax infection.

Their results, to be published in the November issue of the science journal magazine *Nature*, were released early to internet subscribers in response to public demand and the current relevance of their findings.

Researchers Dr. R. John Collier from Harvard Medical School and Dr. John A.T. Young at the University of Wisconsin report that they have found a receptor on the surface of cells that is specifically targeted by anthrax toxin.

This finding has huge potential in the development of new anti-anthrax drugs; if scientists can synthetically create this protein receptor and inject it into the bloodstream, it is possible that the anthrax will attack the drug as opposed to human cells.

The receptor was isolated by growing cells in a mutagenic environment, in hopes that a serendipitous mutation would inactivate the gene that makes the previously unknown receptor, thus rendering the cells immune to anthrax toxin. The team produced one cell line that was unaffected by the toxin; these cells were then exposed to a series of viruses, each of which had the capacity to restore certain regions of the cell's DNA.

Once researchers found a virus that promoted production of the receptor, they were able to identify the gene responsible for the synthesis of the receptor. This information will permit further genetic studies of the receptor protein and its interactions with anthrax toxin.

Another group at the Burnham Institute in San Diego, CA, headed by Dr. Robert C. Liddington, who has coordinated its research with Dr. Collier's team, has declared that they have elucidated the precise three-dimensional structure of the "lethal factor," the protein component of anthrax toxin that the bacteria injects into immune cells.

Liddington determined this structure using X-ray crystallography, a technique in which the diffraction pattern of X-rays is used to determine the arrangement of individual atoms within a molecule. Liddington contends that knowledge of this structure will allow pharmaceutical companies to begin developing chemicals specially engineered to interact with different regions of the lethal factor and hopefully block its function.

While these discoveries will not provide immediate relief to recent anthrax infections because it will likely take years to develop and manufacture drugs that use the chemistry elucidated in these experiments, they provide great hope that one day anthrax will be conquered.

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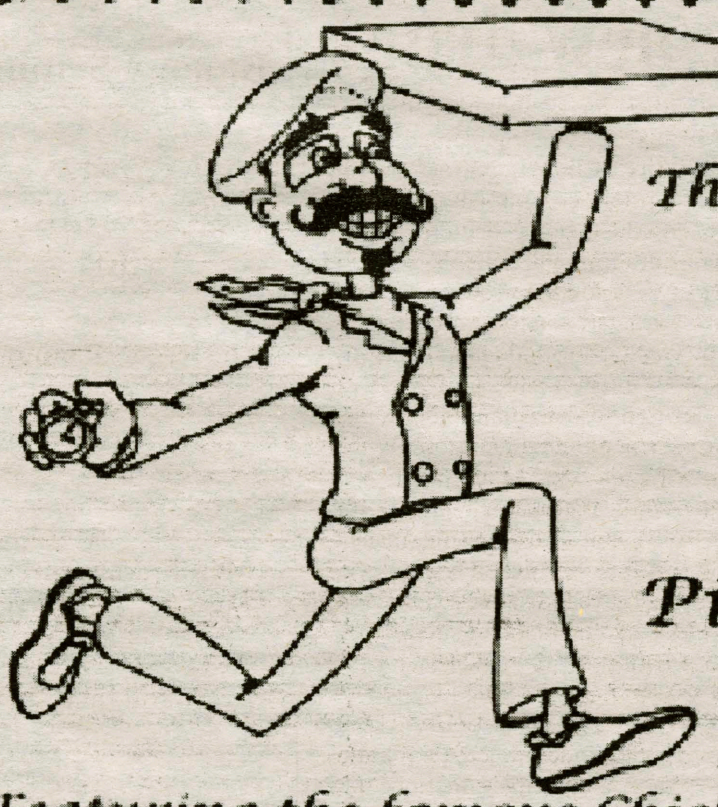

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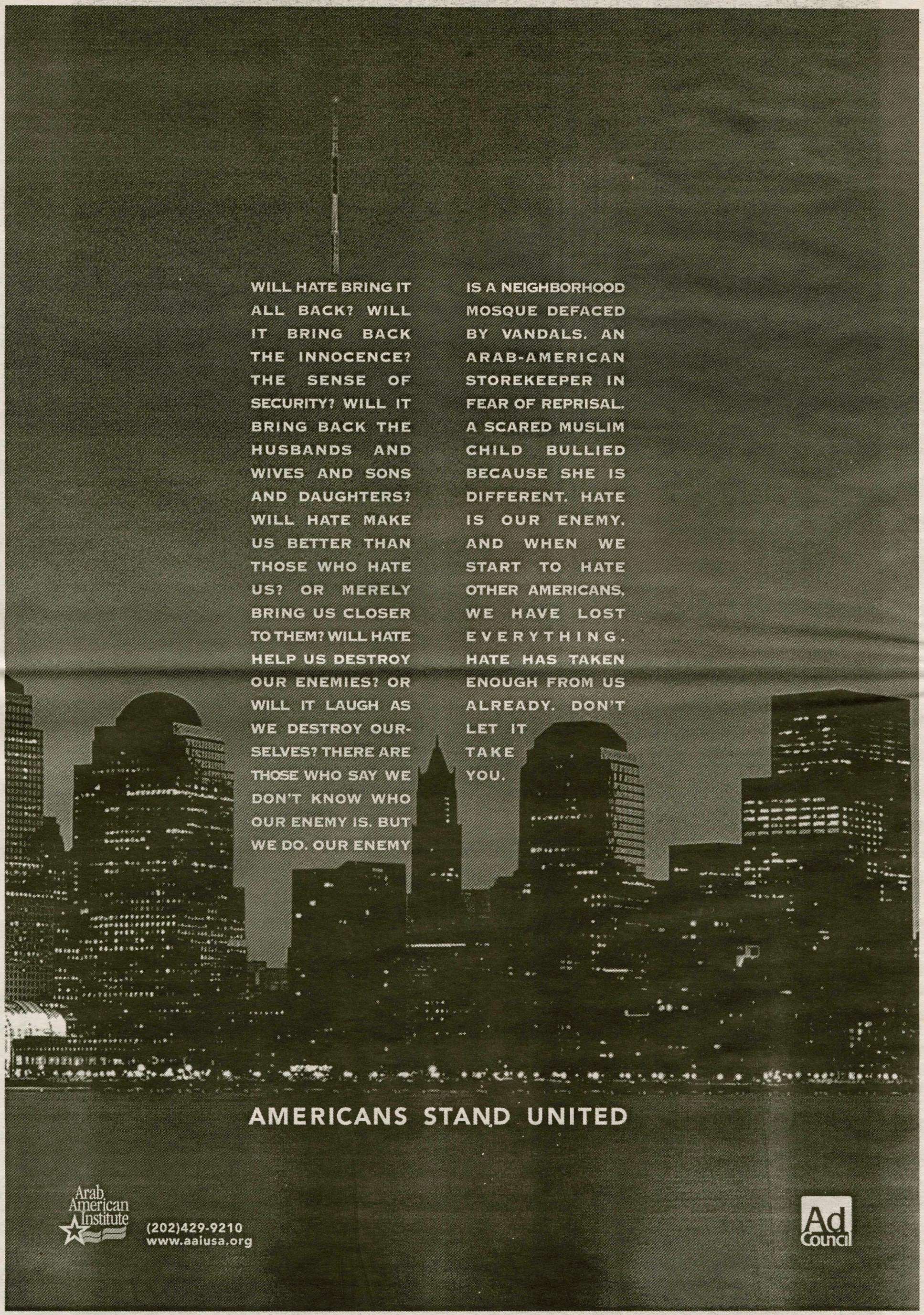

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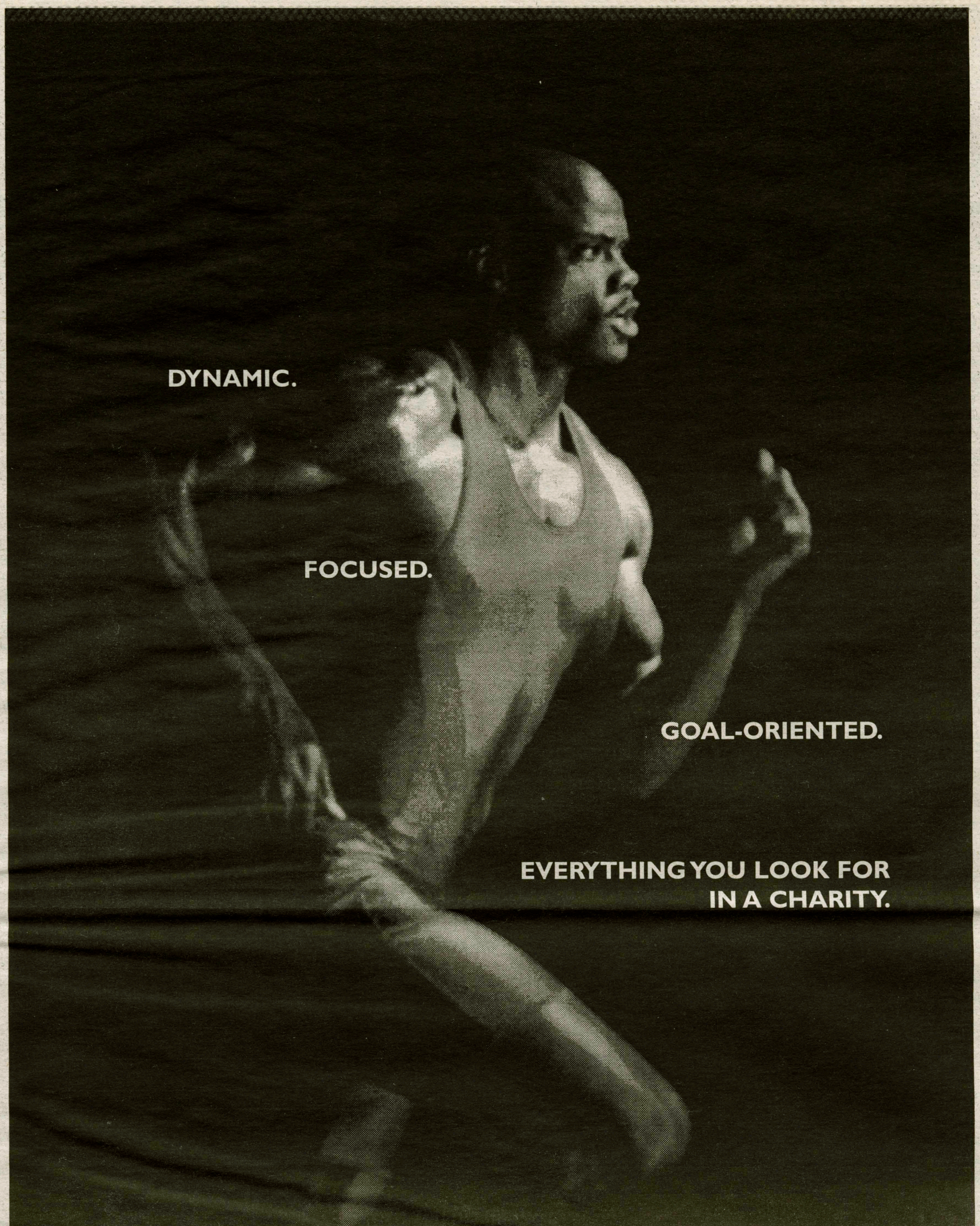

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Football flops in second half, succumbs to Colby

by Chris Preston '03
MANAGING EDITOR

It was the same old story for Hamilton's football team this past weekend against Colby at Steuben Field: play one solid, inspired half of football and one sloppy half filled with turnovers, mental lapses, blown coverages, and costly penalties.

After taking a 7-6 lead into halftime on the strength of a key interception by cornerback Chandler Long '03 and a 42-yard touchdown run by Chris Weeden '02, the Conts completely folded in the second half.

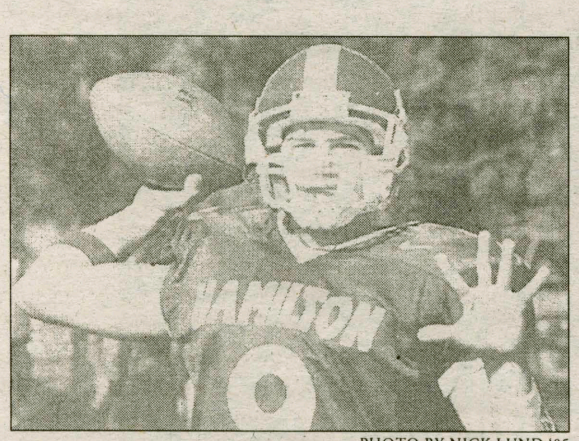

PHOTO BY NICK LUND '05

Continental quarterback Greg LiVigne (#9) prepares to pull the trigger.

As usual, there were many positives that could be drawn from the one half of football that Hamilton did play well. After giving up a touchdown to Colby's Chris Duncombe on a five-yard pass from Robert Lippert with 4:10 to play in the opening quarter, the undermanned Continental defense settled down and yielded little else the rest of the half. In fact, it was Long's interception that enabled Hamilton to score its only touchdown of the half. After Long returned it to the Colby 42 Weeeden scored on the ensuing offensive play, bowling over several White Mule defenders in the process.

The point after was good by Peter Simon '05 and the Conts had a 7-6 lead at the half, much to the delight of the relatively sizable Parents Weekend crowd.

Unfortunately for the Continentals, that was the only time they would score all day. Colby came out fired up in the second half and the Conts seemed a step slow, perhaps fatigued from having to use a small defensive rotation due to the absences of Dave Spezzano '02 and Marcus Juba '03, both of whom are out for the season.

White Mule quarterback Lippert immediately went for the kill on the opening drive, taking advantage of a blown coverage by Hamilton and throwing a 57-yard touchdown pass to receiver Lee Carlson, giving Colby a lead it would not relinquish.

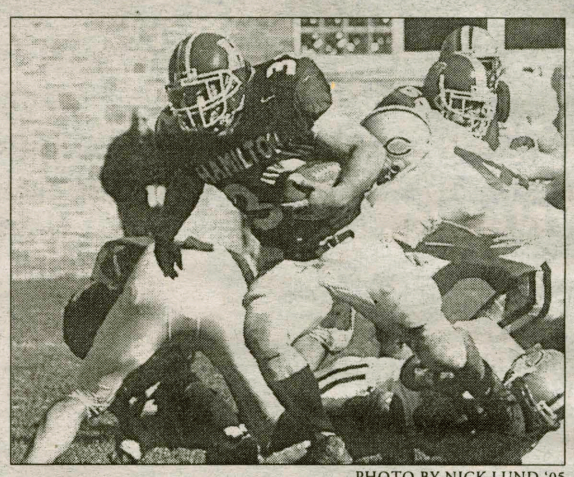

PHOTO BY NICK LUND '05

Running back Chris Weeden (#32) turns the corner on the Colby defense.

Up 12-7 after failing on its two-point conversion attempt, Colby then orchestrated a five play, 53-yard drive moments later, capped by a five-yard Aaron Stepka run.

The two-point conversion was a success this time, and all of a sudden, after going into the locker room with a one-point advantage and high hopes, Hamilton was in a huge hole midway through the third quarter.

It only got worse. Pinned way back in its own territory on the ensuing drive, the Continentals were forced to punt after a three-and-out series. Continental punter Jason Kurtzman's '05 punt was blocked by Colby's Matt Albertelli and recovered in the end zone for a touchdown by Jason Grantham. In the blink of an eye, it was 27-7 and the game was all but over. The White Mules tacked on one more touchdown for good measure in the fourth, making the final score 34-7 Colby.

Hamilton continuously shot itself in the foot in the second half, highlighted by several costly penalties for unsportsman-like conduct and holding. The Continentals struggled to maintain their composure in what turned out to be an emotional and physical game that became extremely contentious at times.

As usual Weeden was a major bright spot for the Continentals, racking up 108 yards on 24 carries. Defensively, linebacker Mike Powers '02 led the way with 13 tackles. Thatcher Freeborn '02 also provided highlight reel material with one of the hardest hits you will ever see at the Division III level. Going for two with a 12-7 lead Colby's quarterback Lippert threw a lazy lob pass to his tight end who was seemingly wide open at the goal line.

However, with a full head of steam Freeborn jolted the Colby player with a text book open field tackle most players only dream of, preventing him from scoring the conversion and perhaps kicking some bolts loose in the process.

Nevertheless, the team did not accomplish the goal coach Pete Alvanos has set in front of them for the past few weeks-to play sixty minutes of solid, smart football. That won't get any easier this weekend, as the team travels to undefeated Williams (5-0) for a 1:00 Saturday start.

Crew Teams dominate at Head of the Charles

by Beth Scagnelli '04
SPORTS WRITER

This past weekend, two boats from the varsity men's and women's crew team traveled to Boston to take part in the prestigious Head of the Charles Regatta.

Coach Mike Gilbert commented, "Both boats this weekend did a great job of stepping it up to the level they were capable of."

In the men's four, led by coxswain Reid Anderson '02, were stroke seat Kevin Hall '04, Adam Schayowitz '03, Henry Chicaiza '04 and Chris Abram '04 in the bow. They performed excellently, coming in 36th out of the 72 boats participating in their event. Their finish was surprising, considering that the Conts started third to last, passing two boats on the tricky and somewhat dangerous Charles course.

They came within 7.2% of the winning gold standard, a huge step up from their Stonehurst results. In the women's eight, coxed by Mimi Barrett '02, were stroke seat Kate McMullen '02, Kristen Dillner '04, Beth Hayes '02, Deirdre Kirby '02, Kim Aber '04, Kim Payne '04, and Caitlin Foley '04.

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Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *Hamilton's Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely an all-expense paid dinner with our devilishly attractive **Sports Editors, Lauren and Andy, as well as his or her picture in *The Spectator*.**

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Oklahoma at Nebraska 10/27	Sooners	Cornhuskers	Cornhuskers	Cornhuskers	Sooners	Sooners
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New Orleans at St. Louis 10/28	Rams	Rams	Rams	Rams	Rams	Rams
Minnesota at Tampa Bay 10/28	Bucs	Vikings	Vikings	Vikings	Vikings	Bucs
New England at Denver 10/28	Broncos	Broncos	Patriots	Broncos	Patriots	Broncos
Oakland at Philadelphia 10/28	Raiders	Eagles	Raiders	Raiders	Raiders	Eagles
Miami at Seattle 10/28	Dolphins	Seahawks	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins	Seahawks
Jacksonville at Baltimore 10/28	Ravens	Ravens	Ravens	Ravens	Ravens	Ravens
Tennessee at Pittsburgh 10/29	Steelers	Titans	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers

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It would be a good idea if you called Caitlin Foley this weekend. Especially at night. x2836

Spec Sports Spotlight

Spotlight on: Mara Dropkin-Frank '05 Interviewed by: Paul P. Jones '03

This week's Spec Sports Spotlight is soccer player Mara Dropkin-Frank '05. After a hat trick against Utica College, Dropkin-Frank was named the UCAA Rookie of the Week and is the Spectator's first freshman Athlete of the Week. Mara continued her goal-scoring barrage with another tally Tuesday to help her team advance to the semifinals of the state tournament.

Name: Mara Dropkin-Frank
Year: 2005
Major/Minor: I have no idea; for now I guess procrastination would be my major.
Hometown/HS: New Lebanon, NY/ New Lebanon HS
Position: Forward
Athletic accolades: This week's UCAA Rookie of the Week, 1st team All-State in HS
Stats for this year: Leads the team with 20 points on 10 goals.
Most embarrassing sports moment: I was running onto the field to replace one of my teammates and I fell flat on my face. Everyone at the game laughed at me.
What do you see yourself doing in 10 years: I have no idea; I do not know what I am doing tomorrow. Stop asking me these kinds of questions, I am just a stupid freshman.
Favorite professor: Once again, my graduation year is 2005.
Favorite thing about being a freshman: Being a freshman sucks.
Favorite Movie, why: Billy Madison, because of the classic line, "He called the s**t poop."
Best 80s rock group: New Kids On The Block, they are just a classic 80s boy band. I still have dreams about Joey Macintyre, what a hunk.
Are you a lover or a fighter: Fighter
Who wins in a fight Ghandi or Pope John Paul the II and why: Pope John Paul because he would hit him with his little scepter thing.
Commons or McEwen or The Diner: The Diner, no place better to accelerate stage two of the freshman 15.
Favorite campus safety officer: I don't know any, I am a good, good girl.
If you were a tree what kind of tree would you be: I'd be a potato tree so I could just pick potatoes off myself whenever I wanted. I would zap them in the microwave for a hot baked treat.
Do we go to school in CNY or Upstate NY: Central, because we are in the middle of NY.
Nice answer Mara. You live over in Macintosh, is living there as bad as everyone says: No it really isn't as bad as people think. Ok I'm lying, who am I kidding, it sucks. If there were a more boring, deserted place in this world I challenge anyone to show me where that place is, really.
Jitney diving, a silly thing drunks do or a potential Olympic sport: I have no idea, I have never even been on the Jitney, but I heard you are good at Jitney diving.
Do you use a tray, why or why not: No, because it makes me feel like I am back in grade school.
Yeah right, I saw you sitting with the ATX sophomores yesterday in Commons. Your attempts to climb the social ladder don't go unnoticed by me and don't let them fool you, pledging doesn't start until next semester.
What is the first thing you are going to do as athlete of the week: Get the hell out of this room. Your retarded friends really scare me. Dan Kaufmann has no clothes on and there is some guy passed out in the corner in a pool of urine. I want to leave.
Oh that is just my alcoholic roommate, and believe it or not Dan Kaufmann usually has no clothes on.

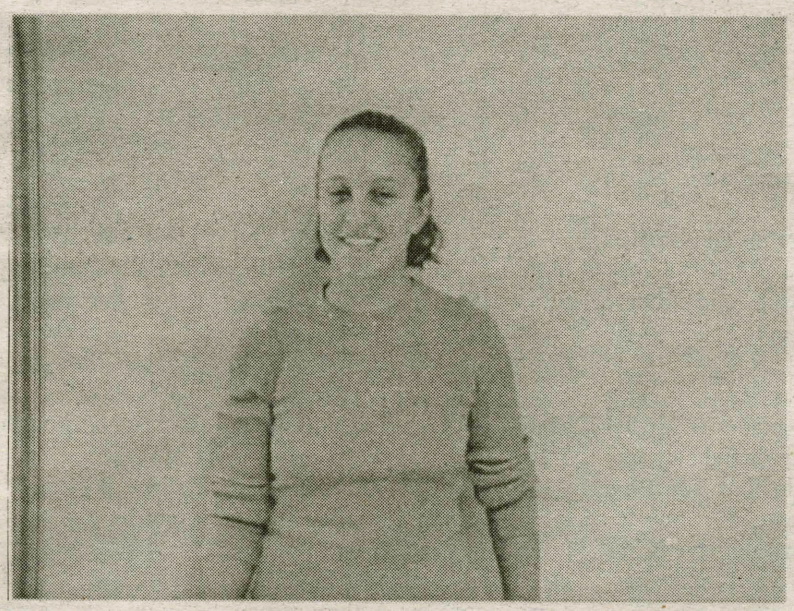

PHOTO BY ANDY HORNER '03

Mara Dropkin-Frank has added much needed scoring to the offensively challenged women's soccer team.

Yankee fans: "We don't bus with no Devil."

As the weeks pass the anti-Yankee propaganda moves as quickly as the Yankees move through the playoffs.

Normally I would just laugh this off, but I realized that I had a forum to respond to the people who truly do not understand or respect what the Yanks are doing, again.

BRETT ZALASKI

First of all, George Steinbrenner is not the devil. He is just a man who has too much money, and far too little time to spend it all.

So instead of making deals with the devil, he makes deals with players who fill a role in the Yankee lineup.

Thus, the Yankees retool for another go around with an unlucky NL opponent. Dan Duquette is the devil.

He has systematically dismantled an organization very obviously headed in the right direction.

It all started when he refused to give Mo Vaughn eight million dollars a year. Boston's favorite son was grudgingly forced to find work with Mr. Disney.

Instead of keeping a team leader like Vaughn around, Duquette thought it was a good move to pay Jose "E-4" Offerman five million a year.

I guess he figured for a cool three million less he could get terrible defense, and no power. This lack of power would hurt the Sox in the playoffs.

Then a year ago, in the middle of a pennant season, Duquette released clubhouse leader Mike Stanley.

The Red Sox never really recovered, and Stanley went to play a significant factor in the A's division title run.

This lack of a true clubhouse leader hurts the Red Sox to this day.

Without any force, players have free reign to speak out against the team.

Obvious examples of this are Derek Lowe and Carl Everett, who have made a professional sport of disrupting team chemistry.

I would also torch Duquette for his idiotic firing of Jimy Williams, and subsequent equally stupid hiring of Joe Kerrigan, but in this one, isolated case, I kind of feel sorry for all Bostonians who had to live through it.

So now you must think that I actually feel pity for the poor Red Sox fans. Truth be told, I would, if they would just let the Yankees fans be.

Unfortunately, Red Sox fans have to show up every spring with a hairbrained explanation as to why this is the year of the Red Sock.

It is becoming more and more obvious to me that Red Sox fans do not base their opinions in reality.

Yankees fans will readily admit Garciaparra is a better player then Jeter, but Red Sox fans cannot admit that Jeter brings more championship intangibles then Nomar can dream about.

I have heard the ludicrous claim that Everett is a better centerfielder then Bernie Williams. Bernie wins championships and gold gloves, Everett wins looking more ridiculous every day, if you can win that.

Another one that I truly enjoy is that Jason Varitek is better the Jorge Posada.

Now, I had never really heard this one before, until recently. Are you people kidding?

Posada is a two-time all-star, a workhorse behind the plate, and an above average hitter who gets on base very well with some power.

Jason Varitek has the potential to be a good catcher, if he could ever remove the splinters out of his rear.

He has yet to prove that he can even be compared to Jorge.

He has spent a considerable amount of time on the injured list over the past two years.

Then, out of nowhere, apparently the Mets have joined the anti-Yankee bandwagon.

This is obviously residue from last year's post-season thumping at the hands of the cross-town Pin Stripers.

The funny thing is, though, Yankee fans have nothing but respect for the Mets right now.

The Mets defined the last month after the tragedy with a will to win, and a passion for the game unequaled since I have been watching baseball.

Despite a glaring lack of talent, the Mets fought their way back into the playoff picture, finally bowing out gallantly during the last week of the season.

Yet, instead of following the trail of courage taken up by the Yankees when the Mets fell, the Mets fans decided they had had enough Bronx glory.

I thought that if Yanks fans had any support in the world it would be from the Mets.

Well, that is obviously not the case. Hey Mets fans, just keep waiting, Timo will lead you back to glory.

Despite all their haters, and despite all the reasons that they won't win, the Yankees do win. There is no team that expects themselves to win more than the Yankees.

They play baseball how it should be played. They sacrifice the runners over, they hit to the right side with a runner on second, they make the important plays, and pitch to the scoreboard. The Yankees play to win.

They play good baseball. If a person is a true lover of the game of baseball, they appreciate this.

They do not have to like the Yankees, but they have to respect the professionalism the Yankee players bring to every facet of the game.

The Yankees are not boring, and they certainly have not made a deal with the Devil. They are what baseball should be.

There is more to baseball than the three-run home run. There is more to baseball than excitement.

There is a better team than the A's and the Astros. That team is the Yankees, again.

Sports

Revenge: Women's Soccer advances to 2nd round of tournament

by Charles Spiliotis '03
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The Hamilton women's soccer team went into its regular season finale last weekend with Oswego State thinking it had to win to qualify for the NYSWCAA tournament.

As it turned out, the Conts took a disappointing 1-0 loss, but managed to qualify anyway.

"We really thought that our chance for a spot was very slim with the loss, but Union and William Smith chose not to play, which opened the door for us," said coach Melissa Eging, "With those committees you often don't know what outside factors are involved."

The game at Oswego State last Saturday saw Hamilton come out a bit sluggish, creating very few scoring opportunities and only three first-half shots.

"We weren't putting any pressure on them at all in the first half. I don't know what it is, but we've had a real problem getting off the bus and playing all season long," said Eging.

Oswego got on the board first when forward Kathryn Stead took a Rebecca Lamay pass and beat Hamilton keeper Jen Munoz '04 in the top right corner.

The Hamilton defense stood strong and was able to keep the Oswego attack scoreless for the remainder of the first half.

The second half, however, was an entirely different story. Hamilton came out fired up and kept the ball in the Oswego zone for over 40 minutes.

"It was a totally different team out there," said Eging, "I think Oswego crossed midfield maybe twice in the entire second half."

But despite all the pressure the Continental offense was providing, the season-long struggle to put the ball in the back of the net continued.

Oswego keeper Alicia Scorsone collected five of her six saves in the second half, and the final whistle blew, signaling the 1-0 Oswego win.

As irony would have it, the NYSWCAA tournament draw matched up Oswego State and Hamilton once again, only three days later.

With obvious motivation, the Conts traveled back to Oswego with revenge on their minds.

On a day in which the gusting wind was clearly the biggest factor, Hamilton traveled against the wind in the first half.

Keeping the ball on the ground as much as possible, the Lady Conts put one away on their first shot of the afternoon.

Last week's UCAA player of the week Mara Dropkin-Frank '05 beat a defender off the dribble and banged one off the cross-bar and in for an all-important first goal.

With the defense playing up to its usual high standards, Oswego was held scoreless for the first 43 minutes of the first half.

But with just over a minute to play, it was Stead that beat Munoz once again, this time off a breakaway, and evened it up at 1-1.

With the wind at its back in the second half, Hamilton hoped to take advantage and put the game away, but the ever-erratic Conts could get nothing going on the offensive end.

Both teams held possession for long stretches, but neither could capitalize, until Hamilton caught a break.

After a hand ball in the box, the Conts were granted a penalty shot with 2:30 left in the game.

Senior Amanda Siepiola did her best to play hero, but was coldly denied by Scorsone, and instead the game went to extra frames.

The sudden-death format meant the loser would be going home for the winter.

Retaining the wind for the first 15 minute overtime session, Hamilton knew it was now or never.

Finally, in the 101st minute, Jess Elliot '03 forced a beautiful kick just under the post on the left to seal the victory.

"It was certainly a game everybody thought we could win, but both teams wanted it badly and it came down to the very end. I was proud we were able to bounce back and take it," said Eging.

The Conts next task will be taking out #1 seeded RPI in the second round this weekend. RPI, a team with only two losses, and a very emphatic 4-1 win over Hamilton earlier in the year, will be a very tough test.

Eging added, "There's obviously a lot of motivation to beat RPI, because of our loss there. But I think that they're a team that's a little bit down right now."

"They've won a couple of one-goal games," she continued, "and they'll probably be looking ahead. It's definitely a game we could have if we're playing our best, it's just a question of whether we come to play."

Munoz said, "I think the second time around against Oswego, we wanted it more. After playing that first game, we knew we were capable of beating them, and when we found out we were playing them, we just took advantage.

Our whole problem is staying mentally focused. Against RPI, we lost our focus and they beat us 4-1. I think if we can stay focused and play up to the skill level that we're capable of, we have a real good shot."

The Continentals will be without the services of three of their leaders in keeper Brenna Chiaputti '02, Paula Dady '03, and Jess Beeson '03 once again, but will look to pull off an upset of the favored Engineers anyway.

Men's Soccer still searching for NCAA bid

Wins over Kueka and Oswego propel team

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The Hamilton men's soccer team is in a relatively unenviable position: they do not control their own destiny for post-season play.

Nevertheless, the Continentals have a realistic chance of earning one of ten at-large bids from the NCAA selection committee.

To be considered, the team needs to go undefeated throughout the remainder of the season.

They took an important step towards the NCAA bid with last week's two dominating victories against Kueka College and SUNY Oswego.

Hamilton wasted little time in scoring last Wednesday afternoon against Keuka. Craig Li '04 scored on a pass from Mike Galante '04, the team's leader in assists, two minutes into the game.

Approximately nine minutes before halftime, Galante finished a ball himself giving the Continentals a 2-0 lead.

Early in the second half, Sky Gellatly '03 buried the Storm, adding to his team leading number of goals.

Shortly after Gellatly's tally, Keuka scored its lone goal of the contest, produced by freshman Kyle Pangrazio. Wes Sherman '04 finished off the scoring for Hamilton at the 82 minute mark.

The Continentals offense provided another stellar showing against SUNY Oswego Saturday afternoon.

Li started off the scoring once again, tallying a goal ten minutes into the game on a pass from co-captain Nick Wilson '02. Li repeated his perfromance seventeen minutes into the second half, again assisted by Wilson.

Gellatly put Hamilton up 3-0, at the 68 minute mark, on an assist from Jacob Shapiro '05.

Shapiro assisted the fourth goal as well, setting up Brian Smith '02 late in the second half.

Hamilton continued its suffocating defense at home, allowing only one goal, combined, against Keuka and Oswego.

Keuka was the first team to score against the Continentals at Love Field this year, ending a 331-minute home shutout streak. The defensive unit provided an offensive boost as well.

Wilson and Li, both defenders, contributed three goals and two assists.

Coach Perry Nizzi pointed out, "The defense has been a big help offensively. We are getting a lot of production from them."

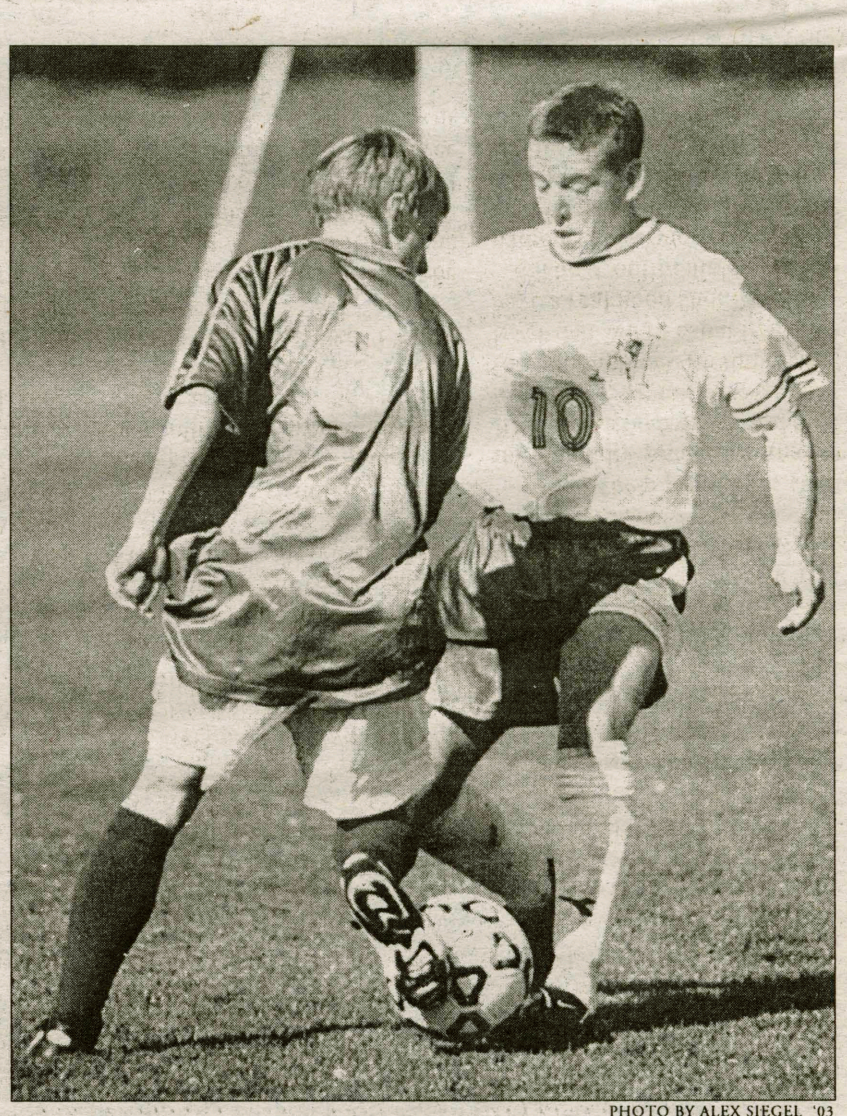
Beating Keuka and Oswego by a combined score of 8-1 was an impressive statistic.

Nizzi, satisfied with his team's performances, commented, "We need to win decisively to influence the selection committee. Eight goals in two games is good."

Nevertheless, last week's margins of victory will be meaningless if the Continentals lose one of their remaining three home games.

"Our number one priority is to win," Nizzi stressed. "If we don't beat Hobart, the next two games don't mean as much."

The Continentals came out Wednesday and must have taken their coach's opinion to heart. Once again led by an intimidating defense and phenom Sherman, the Continentals defeated Hobart in a very closely contested game by a score of 1-0. Sherman tallied the only goal for the Continentals, and thus kept hope alive.



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Midfielder Mike Thompson (#10) takes the ball from an opposing forward in a recent game. Thompson's speed and experience make him an important compontent of Hamilton's attack.